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A BILL FOR

1 An Act defining oversale of bus tickets as a fraudulent practice
2 and making existing penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 714.8, Code 1995, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. Oversells tickets on a bus, so that a
4 passenger who has purchased a ticket is unable to depart as
5 planned or is forced to endure unreasonable or unsafe
6 accommodations in order to depart as planned due to the fact
7 that a number of tickets in excess of the passenger capacity
8 of the bus or buses designated for the trip were sold. This
9 subsection applies only to intrastate travel.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill makes it a fraudulent practice to oversell
12 tickets on a bus, so that a passenger who has purchased a
13 ticket is unable to depart as planned or the passenger is
14 forced to endure unreasonable or unsafe accommodations in
15 order to depart as planned due to the fact that more tickets
16 were sold than there were seats available.

17 A fraudulent practice is punishable as a simple misdemeanor
18 if the amount of money involved is \$100 or less and is
19 punishable as a serious misdemeanor if the amount of money
20 involved is greater than \$100, but not greater than \$500. A
21 simple misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of at least \$50,
22 but not more than \$100, or up to 30 days' imprisonment and a
23 serious misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of at least \$250,
24 but not more than \$1,500, and imprisonment of up to one year.

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