

**Senate File 2269 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use or creation of bots to purchase  
2 event tickets on the internet, and providing civil  
3 penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 554H.1 Definitions.

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
3 requires:

4 1. "*Bot*" means an automated software program that performs  
5 automatic and repetitive tasks and is designed to impersonate  
6 or replicate human activity on the internet. "*Bot*" does not  
7 include autofill or password management features built into  
8 an internet browser or provided through separate internet  
9 software.

10 2. "*Event*" means a concert, theatrical performance, sporting  
11 event, exhibition, show, or similar scheduled activity that is  
12 all of the following:

13 a. Open to the public.

14 b. Held in a public or private venue.

15 c. Requires payment of an admission fee to attend the event.

16 3. "*Ticket*" means a physical or electronic certificate,  
17 voucher, document, token, or other evidence of a right for  
18 admission to enter an event at one or more specified dates and  
19 times.

20 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 554H.2 Internet ticket sales.

21 A person may not use or create a bot to do any of the  
22 following:

23 1. Purchase tickets in excess of eight tickets, or the  
24 posted limit if less than eight tickets, for any one internet  
25 ticket sale.

26 2. Use multiple internet protocol addresses, purchaser  
27 accounts, or electronic mail addresses to purchase tickets in  
28 excess of eight tickets, or the posted limit if less than eight  
29 tickets, for any one internet ticket sale.

30 3. Circumvent or disable an electronic queue, waiting  
31 period, presale code, or other sales volume limitation system  
32 associated with an internet ticket sale.

33 4. Circumvent or disable a security measure, access control  
34 system, or other control or measure that is used to facilitate  
35 authorized entry to an event.



1 civil action to enjoin further violations by the person,  
2 enforce compliance with the bill, assess a civil penalty  
3 in an amount not more than \$10,000 for each violation, and  
4 other remedies permitted by law. If the attorney general  
5 has reasonable belief that a person is in violation of an  
6 injunction issued under the bill, the attorney general may  
7 bring civil action to provide for civil penalties in an amount  
8 not more than \$100,000.