

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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### Prohibition on Bots Purchasing Tickets

- Prohibits a person from creating or using bots to purchase tickets via an internet ticket sale.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – Definitions (554I.1)

(New section) This section defines *bot* as an automated software program that performs automatic and repetitive tasks and is designed to impersonate or replicate human activity on the internet.

#### Section 2 – Internet ticket sales (554I.2)

(New section) This section provides that a person shall not use or create a bot to purchase tickets in excess of the posted limit for any one internet ticket sale. It also prohibits a person from circumventing or disabling an electronic queue, waiting period, presale code, or other sales volume limitation system associated with an internet ticket sale.

#### Section 3 – Reporting violations (554I.3)

(New section) This section requires a ticket seller to report violations to the AG within five days of becoming aware.

#### Section 4 – Enforcement—penalties (554I.4)

(New section) This section provides that if the AG has reasonable belief that a person is violating this chapter, the attorney general has the sole authority to bring civil action to include a civil penalty of up to \$100,000.

### Amendment Analysis

#### H-1270 by Sorensen

This amendment clarifies a ticket seller only has to report violations within five days upon request of the AG.

#### H-1274 by Lohse

This amendment provides that instead of the AG bringing a civil action, a violation would be unfair practice under 714H (consumer fraud chapter).