



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 1043**

**Public Act No. 07-206**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS FROM UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS, CRIMINAL SIMULATION AND THE RESALE OF TICKETS TO ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-341 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(a) Any person who engages in or practices the work or occupation for which a license is required by this chapter without having first obtained an apprentice permit or a certificate and license for such work, or who wilfully employs or supplies for employment a person who does not have a certificate and license for such work, or who wilfully and falsely pretends to qualify to engage in or practice such work or occupation, or who engages in or practices any of the work or occupations for which a license is required by this chapter after the expiration of [his] such person's license, or who violates any other provision of this chapter, unless the penalty is otherwise specifically prescribed, shall be [fined not more than two hundred dollars for each such violation] guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Notwithstanding subsection (d) of section 53a-29 or section 54-56e, if the court determines that a person who violated the provisions of this

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subsection cannot fully repay any victim of the violations committed by such person within the period of probation established in subsection (d) of section 53a-29 or section 54-56e, the court may impose probation for a period of not more than five years.

Sec. 2. Section 53a-141 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(a) A person is guilty of criminal simulation when: (1) With intent to defraud, he makes or alters any object in such manner that it appears to have an antiquity, rarity, source or authorship which it does not in fact possess; or (2) with knowledge of its true character and with intent to defraud, he issues or possesses an object so simulated.

(b) Criminal simulation is a class [A misdemeanor] D felony.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Any person who resells a ticket to an entertainment event, including, but not limited to, a sporting event, a concert or a theatrical or operatic performance, shall refund to the purchaser of such ticket the full amount, including all service fees and delivery charges, paid by the purchaser for such ticket if any of the following occurs: (1) The event for which the ticket is resold is cancelled; (2) the ticket received by the purchaser does not grant the purchaser admission to the event described on the ticket; or (3) the ticket fails to conform to its description as advertised by the ticket reseller.

(b) A person who resells a ticket pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall provide the purchaser of such ticket with such ticket reseller's name, address and telephone number or other information necessary to allow such purchaser to contact such ticket reseller to obtain a refund of the ticket price, if necessary.

(c) A violation of subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section or of subsection (b) of this section is a class B misdemeanor.

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Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) No person shall resell, offer to resell or solicit the resale of a ticket to an entertainment event, including, but not limited to, a sporting event, a concert or a theatrical or operatic performance, on the day of such event, within one thousand five hundred feet of the physical structure where such event is scheduled to take place, if such resale is not authorized, in writing, by the owner or operator of such structure or event or a duly authorized agent of such owner or operator.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to a ticket reseller who: (1) Resells a ticket for not greater than the face value printed on the ticket; or (2) maintains a permanent office within one thousand five hundred feet of the physical structure where the entertainment event is scheduled to take place provided such reseller sells, offers to resell or solicits the resale of a ticket only within the premises of such office in person, by mail, telephone or over the Internet.

(c) A violation of subsection (a) of this section is a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. Section 53-289 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2007*)

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