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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1  
2 AN ACT TO RENAME THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOXING COMMISSION,  
3 TO REGULATE PERSONS SEEKING TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AS TICKET  
4 BROKERS, TO APPLY THE PRIVILEGE TAX ON AMUSEMENTS TO  
5 SERVICES PROVIDED BY TICKET BROKERS, TO AUTHORIZE A STUDY  
6 ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REGULATING TICKET BROKERS, AND TO  
7 MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO USE ALTERED OR COUNTERFEIT ADMISSION  
8 TICKETS.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** Article 68 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended  
11 by designating G.S. 143-650 through G.S. 143-658 as:

"Part 1. Boxing."

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13 **SECTION 2.** The title of Article 68 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes  
14 reads as rewritten:

"Article 68.

North Carolina State Boxing and Entertainment Commission."

16 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 143-651(5) reads as rewritten:

17 "The following definitions apply in this Article:

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19  
20 (5) Commission. – The North Carolina State Boxing and Entertainment  
21 Commission.

22 ...."

23 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 143-651(23b) reads as rewritten:

24 "The following definitions apply in this ~~Article~~ Part:

25 ...

26 (23b) Sanctioned amateur match. – Any boxing or kickboxing match  
27 regulated by an amateur sports organization that has been recognized  
28 and approved by the North Carolina State Boxing and Entertainment  
29 Commission.

1           ...."

2           **SECTION 5.** G.S. 143-652(a) reads as rewritten:

3       "**§ 143-652. State Boxing and Entertainment Commission.**

4           (a)    Creation. – The North Carolina State Boxing and Entertainment Commission  
5 is created within the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to regulate ~~in~~  
6 ~~North Carolina~~ live boxing and kickboxing ~~matches, matches in this State as provided in~~  
7 this Part, whether professional, amateur, sanctioned amateur, or toughman events, in  
8 which admission is charged for viewing, or the contestants compete for a purse or prize  
9 of value greater than ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); and to  
10 regulate persons who are ticket brokers as provided in Part 2 of this Article. The  
11 Commission shall consist of six voting members and two nonvoting advisory members.  
12 All the members shall be residents of North Carolina and shall meet requirements for  
13 membership under the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996. The members shall be  
14 appointed as follows:

- 15           (1)    One voting member shall be appointed by the Governor for an initial  
16 term of two years.
- 17           (2)    One voting member shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon  
18 the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for an  
19 initial term of one year, in accordance with G.S. 120-121.
- 20           (3)    One voting member shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon  
21 the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
22 for an initial term of one year.
- 23           (4)    Two voting members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Crime  
24 Control and Public Safety. One shall serve for an initial term of three  
25 years, and the other shall serve for an initial term of two years.
- 26           (4a)   One member shall be appointed by the Tribal Council of the Eastern  
27 Band of the Cherokee for an initial term of three years.
- 28           (5)    One nonvoting advisory member shall be appointed by the General  
29 Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of  
30 Representatives for an initial term of one year, in accordance with G.S.  
31 120-121, from nominations made by the North Carolina Medical  
32 Society, which shall nominate two licensed physicians for the position.
- 33           (6)    One nonvoting advisory member shall be appointed by the General  
34 Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of  
35 the Senate for an initial term of one year, in accordance with G.S.  
36 120-121, from nominations made by the North Carolina Medical  
37 Society, which shall nominate two licensed physicians for the position.

38           The member appointed pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section  
39 may serve on the Commission only if an agreement exists and remains in effect between  
40 the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee and the Commission authorizing  
41 the Commission to regulate professional boxing matches within the Cherokee Indian  
42 Reservation as provided by the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996.

43           The two nonvoting advisory members appointed pursuant to subdivisions (6) and (7)  
44 of subsection (a) of this section shall advise the Commission on matters concerning the

1 health and physical condition of boxers and health issues relating to the conduct of  
 2 exhibitions and boxing matches. They may prepare and submit to the Commission for  
 3 its consideration and approval any rules that in their judgment will safeguard the  
 4 physical welfare of all participants engaged in boxing.

5 Terms for all members of the Commission except for the initial appointments shall  
 6 be for three years.

7 The Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety shall designate which member of  
 8 the Commission is to serve as chair. A member of the Commission may be removed  
 9 from office by the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety. Each member before  
 10 entering upon the duties of a member shall take and subscribe an oath to perform the  
 11 duties of the office faithfully, impartially, and justly to the best of the member's ability.  
 12 A record of these oaths shall be filed in the Department of the Secretary of Crime  
 13 Control and Public Safety."

14 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 143-655 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 143-655. Fees; State Boxing and Entertainment Commission Revenue Account.**

16 (a) License Fees. – The Commission shall collect the following license fees:

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18	Announcer	\$ 50.00
19	Contestant	\$ 25.00
20	Judge	\$ 50.00
21	Manager	\$100.00
22	Matchmaker	\$200.00
23	Promoter	\$300.00
24	Referee	\$ 50.00
25	Timekeeper	\$ 50.00
26	Second	\$ 25.00.

27 The annual license renewal fees shall not exceed the initial license fees.

28 (b) Permit Fees. – The Commission may establish a fee schedule for permits  
 29 issued under this Article. The fees may vary depending on the seating capacity of the  
 30 facility to be used to present a match. The fee may not exceed the following amounts:

31		
32	Seating Capacity	Fee Amount
33	Less than 2,000	\$100.00
34	2,000 – 5,000	\$200.00
35	Over 5,000	\$300.00.

36 (c) State Boxing and Entertainment Commission Revenue Account. – There is  
 37 created the State Boxing and Entertainment Commission Revenue Account within the  
 38 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. ~~Monies~~ ~~[moneys]~~ Moneys collected  
 39 pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall be credited to the Account and applied to  
 40 the administration of the Article."

41 **SECTION 7.** Article 68 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended  
 42 by adding the following new Part to read:

43 "Part 2. Ticket Brokers.

44 **"§ 143-659.1. Regulation of ticket brokers by Commission.**

1        The North Carolina State Boxing and Entertainment Commission shall regulate  
2 those persons who are ticket brokers as provided in this Part.

3 **"§ 143-659.2. Definitions.**

4        The following definitions apply in this Part:

- 5            (1) Commission. – The North Carolina State Boxing and Entertainment  
6 Commission.
- 7            (2) Promoter. – A person, firm, or corporation assuming the financial  
8 responsibilities of an athletic contest or entertainment event, including  
9 contracting with the principals, renting the site, and collecting the gate  
10 receipts.
- 11           (3) Ticket. – A certificate or token showing that a fare or admission fee  
12 has been paid and that gives the holder a revocable license to enter an  
13 event.
- 14           (4) Ticket broker. – A person, firm, or corporation engaging in the  
15 business of reselling one or more tickets to live athletic contests,  
16 concerts, theatre performances, or other entertainments, amusements,  
17 or exhibitions where the general public is admitted and meets the  
18 requirements of registration and bonding pursuant to this Part. For  
19 purposes of this definition, a firm or corporation engaging in business  
20 as a ticket broker shall meet the requirements of registration and  
21 bonding and each individual engaging in business as a ticket broker  
22 and employed by a firm or corporation registered as a ticket broker  
23 shall meet the requirements of registration and bonding pursuant to  
24 this Part.
- 25           (5) Ticket sales agent. – A person, firm, or corporation engaging in the  
26 business of selling one or more tickets to live athletic contests,  
27 concerts, theatre performances, or other entertainments, amusements,  
28 or exhibitions where the general public is admitted.

29 **"§ 143-659.3. Powers and duties of Commission.**

30        (a) For purposes of this Part, the Commission has the following powers and  
31 duties:

- 32            (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this Part.  
33            (2) To administer and enforce the provisions of this Part.  
34            (3) To establish requirements to register under this Part.  
35            (4) To receive and investigate complaints from members of the public.  
36            (5) To conduct investigations to determine whether violations of this Part  
37 or grounds for disciplining registrants exist.

38        (b) The Commission may inspect the premises and records of ticket brokers at  
39 any reasonable hour to determine compliance with the provisions of this Part.

40        (c) The Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings relating to the  
41 issuance, renewal, denial, restriction, suspension, and revocation of registrations. This  
42 record shall also contain each registrant's name, business and home addresses,  
43 registration number, and the date the registration was issued.

1       (d) All ticket brokers shall perform an audit each year and submit a report of the  
2 audit to the Commission within 30 days after the audit is completed. The Commission  
3 shall adopt rules establishing guidelines for these audits.

4 **"§ 143-659.4. Authority to resell tickets; exemptions; restrictions.**

5       (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any  
6 person, firm, or corporation to resell or offer for resale any ticket to any athletic contest,  
7 concert, theatre performance, amusement, exhibition, or other entertainment event  
8 where the general public is admitted for a price in excess of the face value of the ticket  
9 unless that person, firm, or corporation is registered as a ticket broker pursuant to the  
10 provisions of this Part.

11       (b) It shall not be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to resell, offer for  
12 resale, purchase, or offer to purchase a ticket for a price not to exceed the face value of  
13 the ticket, plus tax and a service fee of three dollars (\$3.00).

14       (c) Charitable or nonprofit organizations and their employees or agents and  
15 volunteers shall not be subject to the provisions of this Part when offering for sale any  
16 tickets of admission in a raffle, auction, or other fund-raising activity for the benefit of  
17 the organization's purposes.

18       (d) For any single athletic contest or entertainment event that occurs no more  
19 than once annually or any series of athletic contests that occur no more than once  
20 annually and occur within a time period not exceeding 10 days, a promoter of a contest  
21 or event may contractually restrict the resale of a ticket to that contest or event by giving  
22 notice of the restriction on the back of the ticket. An owner, operator, lessee, or tenant  
23 of the property where the contest or event is to be held or is being held may  
24 contractually restrict the resale of the right of occupancy of any specific suite, seat, or  
25 seating area by giving notice in writing of the restriction.

26 **"§ 143-659.5. Requirements for registration; issuance of registration; renewal;**  
27 **moneys credited to State Boxing and Entertainment Commission**  
28 **Revenue Account.**

29       (a) Before placing any advertisement or making any other representations to  
30 prospective buyers in this State, a person, firm, or corporation seeking to engage in  
31 business as a ticket broker shall satisfy the following:

32       (1) Maintain a permanent office or place of business in this State,  
33 excluding a post office box, for the purpose of engaging in the  
34 business of a ticket broker.

35       (2) File for registration as a ticket broker with the Commission on a form  
36 provided by the Commission. The filing shall contain the following:

37       a. The name and place of business of the ticket broker.

38       b. A statement describing the activities of the ticket broker,  
39 including that the ticket broker:

40       1. Engages in the resale of admission tickets on a regular  
41 and continuous basis from one or more permanent  
42 locations within the State.

43       2. Maintains as the principal place of business activity at  
44 those locations the resale of tickets.

1                   3.     Maintains at those locations a listing of the names and  
2                             addresses of all persons employed by the ticket broker.  
3                             In the case of a firm or corporation filing for registration  
4                             as a ticket broker, the firm or corporation shall maintain  
5                             at its location a listing of the names and addresses of all  
6                             persons employed by the firm or corporation as  
7                             registered ticket brokers.

8                   (3)     Obtain a bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in  
9                             this State in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and  
10                            file a copy of the bond with the Commission. The bond shall be  
11                            executed in favor of the State for the benefit of any person damaged by  
12                            the ticket broker's breach of contract or any obligation arising from the  
13                            breach or by any violation of this Part. Any person claiming against  
14                            the bond may maintain an action against the ticket broker and the  
15                            surety. The aggregate liability of the surety shall be for actual damages  
16                            and shall not exceed the amount of the bond.

17                   (4)     Pay a registration fee established by the Commission not to exceed two  
18                            thousand dollars (\$2,000).

19                   (b)     Upon finding that a ticket broker has complied with the requirements of  
20                            subsection (a) of this section, the Commission shall issue to the ticket broker a  
21                            certificate of registration. The ticket broker shall display the certificate of registration  
22                            prominently in the ticket broker's place of business.

23                   (c)     Ticket brokers shall renew their registration annually pursuant to rules  
24                            adopted by the Commission and pay a renewal fee established by the Commission not to  
25                            exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

26                   (d)     Moneys collected pursuant to the provisions of this Part shall be credited to  
27                            the State Boxing and Entertainment Commission Revenue Account pursuant to G.S.  
28                            143-655(c), and applied to the administration of this Part.

29     **"§ 143-659.6. Disclosure; refunds.**

30                   (a)     A ticket broker shall:

31                            (1)     Post at the ticket broker's established place of business the terms of the  
32                            purchaser's right to cancel the purchase of a ticket from a ticket broker.

33                            (2)     Disclose to the purchaser, on the ticket or receipt, the refund policy of  
34                            the ticket broker if an athletic contest or entertainment event is  
35                            canceled or not rescheduled.

36                            (3)     Disclose to the purchaser, on the ticket or receipt, the difference  
37                            between the face value of the ticket and the amount that the ticket  
38                            broker is charging for the ticket.

39                            (4)     Sell tickets only at the ticket broker's permanent office or place of  
40                            business. However, delivery of one or more tickets after the  
41                            transaction is completed to a place other than the ticket broker's office  
42                            or place of business shall not violate this subdivision.

1       **(b) Unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between a ticket broker and**  
2 **a purchaser, a ticket broker shall refund any payment received for the purchase of a**  
3 **ticket under this Part if:**

4           **(1) The purchaser returns the ticket and requests a cancellation of the sale**  
5 **within 36 hours from the time of purchase of the ticket; and**

6           **(2) The return is made more than 72 hours preceding the athletic contest**  
7 **or entertainment event.**

8       **(c) A ticket broker shall refund, within 15 days from the date of purchase, any**  
9 **payment received for the purchase of a ticket under this Part if the athletic contest or**  
10 **entertainment event is canceled or not rescheduled.**

11       **(d) If a ticket broker guarantees, in writing, the delivery of a ticket or tickets to**  
12 **an athletic contest or entertainment event to a purchaser and fails to complete the**  
13 **delivery, the ticket broker shall, within 15 days from the date of purchase, provide a full**  
14 **refund of any amount paid by the purchaser and pay the purchaser a refund fee of three**  
15 **times the amount paid by the purchaser for each ticket.**

16 **"§ 143-659.7. Prohibited conduct.**

17       **(a) A ticket broker or an employee or agent of a ticket broker is prohibited from**  
18 **engaging in any of the following:**

19           **(1) Employing any agent or employee for the purpose of making future**  
20 **purchases of tickets from the owner, operator, lessee, or tenant of the**  
21 **property where an athletic contest or entertainment event is to be held.**

22           **(2) Acquiring or reselling in excess of one percent (1%) of the total tickets**  
23 **allocated for any contest or event. For purposes of this subdivision, a**  
24 **firm or corporation engaging in business as a ticket broker is limited to**  
25 **one percent (1%) of the total tickets allocated for any contest or event**  
26 **regardless of the number of ticket brokers employed by the firm or**  
27 **corporation. No more than five percent (5%) of the total tickets**  
28 **allocated for any contest or event shall be purchased by ticket brokers.**

29           **(3) Reselling or offering for resale any ticket within 1,500 feet from the**  
30 **venue where an event or contest is to be held or is being held.**

31           **(4) Paying any consideration, directly or indirectly, to any promoter,**  
32 **operator, or ticket sales agent to acquire or assist in the acquisition of a**  
33 **ticket, except for the actual face value of the ticket and any service fee**  
34 **authorized by G.S. 14-344(a).**

35       **(b) A promoter, operator, or ticket sales agent shall not receive any consideration,**  
36 **directly or indirectly, from any person, firm, or corporation to acquire or assist in the**  
37 **acquisition of a ticket, except for the actual face value of the ticket and any service fee**  
38 **authorized by G.S. 14-344(a).**

39 **"§ 143-659.8. Disqualification for felony conviction.**

40       **No person shall practice or engage in business as a ticket broker, or be employed as**  
41 **general manager for a person practicing or engaged in business as a ticket broker, who**  
42 **has been convicted of a felony and has not been pardoned or had the person's civil rights**  
43 **restored.**

44 **"§ 143-659.9. Violations.**

1       (a) Civil Penalties. – The Commission may issue an order against a registrant or  
2 any other person who willfully violates any provision of this Part or rules adopted by  
3 the Commission. Orders issued by the Commission may include the following:

4           (1) An order requiring the registrant or other person to cease and desist  
5 from violating any provision of this Part.

6           (2) An order suspending or revoking the ticket broker's registration.

7           (3) An order imposing a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand dollars  
8 (\$25,000) for each violation of this Part.

9 No order under this subsection may be entered without giving the registrant or other  
10 person 15 days' prior notice and an opportunity for a contested case hearing conducted  
11 pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.

12 Proceeds of civil penalties imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to  
13 the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2.

14       (b) Criminal Penalties. – A willful violation of any provision of this Part shall  
15 constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor. The Commission may refer any available evidence  
16 concerning violations of this Part to the proper district attorney who may, with or  
17 without reference, institute the appropriate criminal proceedings.

18       (c) Injunction. – Whenever it appears to the Commission that a person has  
19 engaged or is about to engage in an act or practice constituting a violation of any  
20 provision of this Part or any rule adopted by the Commission, the Commission may  
21 bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin those acts or practices  
22 and to enforce compliance with this Part or any rule or order issued pursuant to this  
23 Part."

24       **SECTION 8.** Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
25 new section to read:

26 **"§ 14-16.1. Altering, forging, restoring, or counterfeiting certain tickets.**

27       (a) It shall be unlawful for a person to:

28           (1) Alter, restore, or otherwise prepare in any manner any ticket, token, or  
29 paper designed to entitle the holder to admission to any sports,  
30 amusement, concert, or other facility offering services to the general  
31 public, with the intent to use or cause it to be used after it has already  
32 been used;

33           (2) Counterfeit, forge, or alter any ticket, token, or paper designed to  
34 entitle the holder to admission to any sports, amusement, concert, or  
35 other facility offering services to the general public, with the intent to  
36 sell, utter, put off or pass the same, or cause or procure the same to be  
37 sold, uttered, or passed with the intent to defraud any person;

38           (3) Buy, sell, offer for sale, or possess any counterfeit, forged, or altered  
39 ticket, token, or paper designed to entitle the holder to admission to  
40 any sports, amusement, concert, or other facility offering services to  
41 the general public, with the intent to defraud any person, knowing the  
42 same to be counterfeit, forged, or altered.

43       (b) As used in this section, the term "counterfeit" means to manufacture, copy,  
44 reproduce, or forge a ticket, token, or paper that purports to be genuine, but is not,

1 because it has been falsely copied, reproduced, forged, manufactured, embossed,  
2 encoded, duplicated, or altered.

3 (c) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class 2  
4 misdemeanor."

5 **SECTION 9.** G.S. 14-344 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 14-344. Sale of admission tickets in excess of printed price.**

7 (a) Any person, firm, or corporation shall be allowed to add a reasonable service  
8 fee to the face value of the tickets sold, and the person, firm, or corporation which sells  
9 or resells such tickets shall not be permitted to recoup funds greater than the combined  
10 face value of the ticket, tax, and the authorized service fee. This service fee may not  
11 exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for each ticket except that a promoter or operator of the  
12 property where the event is to be held and a ticket sales agency may agree in writing on  
13 a reasonable service fee greater than three dollars (\$3.00) for the first sale of tickets by  
14 the ticket sales agent. This service fee may be a pre-established amount per ticket or a  
15 percentage of each ticket. The existence of the service fee shall be made known to the  
16 public by printing or writing the amount of the fee on the tickets which are printed for  
17 the event. Any person, firm or corporation which sells or offers to sell a ticket for a  
18 price greater than the price permitted by this section shall be guilty of a Class 2  
19 misdemeanor.

20 (b) This section shall not apply to the resale of tickets pursuant to Part 2 of  
21 Article 68 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes."

22 **SECTION 10.** G.S. 105-37.1 reads as rewritten:

23 "**§ 105-37.1. Dances, athletic events, shows, exhibitions, and other entertainments.**

24 (a) Scope. – A privilege tax is imposed on the gross receipts of a person who is  
25 engaged in any of the following:

- 26 (1) Giving, offering, or managing a dance or an athletic contest for which  
27 an admission fee in excess of fifty cents (50¢) is charged.  
28 (2) Giving, offering, or managing a form of amusement or entertainment  
29 that is not taxed by another provision of this Article and for which an  
30 admission fee is charged.  
31 (3) Exhibiting a performance, show, or exhibition, such as a circus or dog  
32 show, that is not taxed by another provision of this Article.

33 (a1) Ticket Brokers. – A privilege tax is imposed on the brokerage fee charged by  
34 a ticket broker registered under Part 2 of Article 68 of Chapter 143 of the General  
35 Statutes. For the purposes of this section, 'brokerage fee' means the difference between  
36 the amount charged by the ticket broker for resale of the ticket and the face value of the  
37 ticket.

38 (b) Rate and Payment. – The rate of the privilege tax is three percent (3%) of the  
39 gross receipts from the activities described in subsection (a) of this ~~section~~ section and  
40 three percent (3%) of the brokerage fees described in subsection (a1) of this section.  
41 The tax is due when a return is due. A return is due by the 10th day after the end of each  
42 month and covers the ~~gross-receipts or fees~~ received during the previous month.

43 (c) Advance Report. – A person who owns or controls a performance, show, or  
44 exhibition subject to the tax imposed by this section and who plans to bring the

1 performance to this State from outside the State must file a statement with the Secretary  
2 that lists the dates, times, and places of the performance, show, or exhibition. The  
3 statement must be filed no less than five days before the first performance, show, or  
4 exhibition in this State.

5 (d) Local Taxes. – Cities may levy a license tax on a person taxed under  
6 subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section; however, the tax may not exceed twenty-five  
7 dollars (\$25.00). Cities may levy a license tax on a person taxed under subdivision  
8 (a)(3) of this section; however, the tax may not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for  
9 each day or part of a day the performance, show, or exhibition is given at each location.

10 Counties may not levy a license tax on a person taxed under subdivision (a)(1) or  
11 (a)(2) of this section. Counties may levy a license tax on a person taxed under  
12 subdivision (a)(3) to the same extent as a city.

13 Neither a county nor a city may levy a license tax on a person taxed under  
14 subsection (a1) of this section."

15 **SECTION 11.** The North Carolina State Boxing and Entertainment  
16 Commission, as renamed and enacted in Section 2 of this act, shall conduct a study to  
17 determine the effectiveness of its regulation of ticket brokers and address any issues that  
18 relate to the registration of ticket brokers, enforcement of the provisions of Part 2 of  
19 Article 68 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, enacted in Section 7 of this act, and  
20 any other issues the Commission considers necessary. The Commission shall make an  
21 interim report of its findings and recommendations to the 2004 Regular Session of the  
22 2003 General Assembly and a final report to the 2005 General Assembly.

23 **SECTION 12.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to  
24 offenses committed and tickets sold on or after that date.