

General Assembly

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## Committee Bill No. 797

LCO No. **4600** 

Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by: (GL)

## AN ACT REQUIRING SCHEDULED START TIME DISCLOSURES IN MOTION PICTURE ADVERTISEMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Consumer" means an individual who is (A) physically present in
this state, and (B) a prospective purchaser of a ticket to a motion picture
exhibition conducted at a motion picture theater in this state;

5 (2) "Motion picture theater" means a movie theater or screening room6 used to exhibit a motion picture; and

7 (3) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation,
8 partnership, limited liability company, joint stock company, business
9 trust or other legal entity.

10 (b) Each advertisement that is published, aired, displayed or 11 disseminated by or on behalf of a person who owns or operates a motion 12 picture theater in this state shall, if such advertisement is directed at 13 consumers, is intended to promote attendance at a motion picture 14 exhibition conducted at such motion picture theater and states the

- 15 scheduled start time for the motion picture exhibition, separately state:
- 16 (1) The scheduled start time for the motion picture featured in such17 exhibition; and
- (2) The scheduled start time for the advertisements and motionpicture trailers preceding the motion picture featured in such exhibition.
- 20 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt
  21 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
  22 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.
- (d) Any person who publishes, airs, displays or disseminates an
  advertisement that does not contain the statements required under
  subsection (b) of this section shall be fined not more than one thousand
  dollars per violation.
  - This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following<br/>sections:Section 1October 1, 2025New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To require certain motion picture advertisements to separately state (1) the scheduled start time for the motion picture featured in a motion picture exhibition, and (2) the scheduled start time for the advertisements and motion picture trailers that precede the motion picture featured in a motion picture exhibition.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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