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House Advances Consumer Protections for Concertgoers

By State Rep. Ann Flood

PEN ARGYL - I attended an ArtsQuest hearing last week to support legislation that would legally put an end to speculative ticket selling that negatively impacts concertgoers, musicians and organizations like ArtsQuest.

House Bill 1658 would generally prohibit ticket resellers from advertising or offering tickets they don't have. It also would prohibit a secondary ticket platform from using a domain or subdomain name of the specific rights holder, venue, performer, group or team unless authorized by that entity.

House Bill 1378 would prevent scalpers from using software to purchase items over the internet in bulk for the purpose of resale and not personal use. This legislation would make it unlawful to circumvent a security measure, access control system, or other technological control that enforces posted purchasing limits online.

The bills were inspired in part by last year's pre-sale for the Taylor Swift Eras Tour that resulted in thousands of consumers filing complaints with the state attorney general's office. Both measures go to the Senate for consideration.

For more information, please visit this website <https://www.artsquest.org/>.



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RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Residential and Commercial Façade Improvement Programs are designed to help improve the exterior appearance and condition of residential and commercial properties within the four boroughs. The program's goals are to maintain historical and architectural integrity, improve neighborhood appearance, and help property owners make exterior repairs to their homes or businesses while increasing property values for all borough residents.

ABOUT SLATE BELT RISING

Slate Belt Rising is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. While Slate Belt Rising specifically targets these four boroughs, some initiatives promote development and coordination of services throughout the entire region.

More information is available on our website under the Services tab, including program guidelines and applications Visit slatebeltrising.org.

PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action Lehigh Valley is an anti-poverty non-profit offering programs and services in Advocacy, Business Start-Up and Development, Food Access and Nutrition, Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Youth.



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