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ACT
of 13 May 2020

Concerning Some Measures to Mitigate the Impacts of the Epidemic of Coronavirus Referred to as SARS CoV-2 on Cultural Events

The Parliament resolved to adopt the following Act of the Czech Republic:

Section 1
Subject-Matter of Legislation

This Act regulates some measures in the field of cultural festivals, shows and similar cultural events (hereinafter “cultural events”) in connection with the epidemic of coronavirus known as SARS CoV-2.

Section 2
Applicability

This Act applies to cultural events which are expected to take place by 31 October 2020.

Section 3
Protective Period

(1) A protective period refers to a period of time, by which the duty of a cultural event promoter pursuant to Section 2 (hereinafter “the promoter”) to refund an admission fee for a cultural event pursuant to Section 2 paid by a customer or in his/her favour before the effective date of this Act is postponed.

(2) The protective period starts to run as of the day when the promoter announces the cancellation of the cultural event via mass media, and expires on 31 October 2021, unless it expires earlier pursuant to this Act.

Cultural Event Voucher
Section 4

(1) The customer may ask the promoter for a cultural event voucher (hereinafter “the voucher”) until 31 March 2021. The promoter is obliged to issue the voucher amounting at least to the value of the admission fee paid.

(2) The voucher is valid throughout the protective period.

(3) The voucher contains especially

- a) the amount of money corresponding at least to the value of the admission fee paid, and
- b) the trade name or designation or the name and surname of the promoter, an individual’s identification number and the registered seat.

(4) The promoter will issue a printed voucher to the customer; an electronic voucher may be issued to the customer if the original contract was entered into via remote communication means or if the customer has expressed his/her consent thereto.

Section 5

(1) During the protective period, the promoter will offer an alternative cultural event to the customer based on the voucher. The promoter must not ask the customer to pay any difference between the admission fee and the original contract in excess of the voucher.

(2) The protective period ends if the promoter

- (a) failed to issue a voucher to a customer within one month following the customer's request, or
- (b) did not offer any alternative cultural event that would take place by 31 October 2021 within 6 months after the voucher had been issued.

(3) If the customer is a disabled person¹, a job seeker registered with an Employment Agency, a pregnant person, a person on maternity leave or parental leave or a person over 65 years or a single parent² taking care of a dependent child³, the protective period ends if such a customer asks the promoter for a refund of the admission fee.

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(4) The duty to refund the admission fee, which has been postponed for the duration of the protective period, will be deemed fulfilled after the voucher has been used for the payment of an admission fee for an alternative cultural event, which is not lower than the amount of money pursuant to Section 4(3)(a).

(5) Upon the customer's request, the promoter will refund all of the payments made by the customer within 14 days after the end of the protective period.

Section 6

The promoter will advise the customer of his/her rights pursuant to this Act in a clear, comprehensible and explicit manner.

Section 7

Effect

This Act comes into effect on the date of its publication.

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¹ Section 34 of Act No. 329/2011 Sb., on providing benefits to disabled persons and on amendments to related acts, as amended.

² Section 7(7) of Act No. 117/1995 Sb., the Social Security Act, as amended.

³ Section 11(1) of Act No. 117/1995 Sb., as amended by Act No. 366/2011 Sb.