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A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-969 of the Code of Virginia, relating to ticket scalping.

Patrons—Hargrove and Peace

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-969 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-969. Ordinances prohibiting resale of tickets to certain public events; penalty.

Any locality may provide, by ordinance, that it is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to resell for profit any ticket for admission to any sporting event, theatrical production, lecture, motion picture or any other event open to the public for which tickets are ordinarily sold, except in the case of religious, charitable, or educational organizations where all or a portion of the admission price reverts to the sponsoring group and the resale for profit of such ticket is authorized by the sponsor of the event and the manager or owner of the facility in which the event is being held. For purposes of this section, "resell for profit" means to sell at any price higher than the price printed on the ticket, or, if no price is printed thereon, to sell at any price higher than the price for which the ticket was offered for sale by the promoters, managers, owners, or operator of the facility where the event is held. Such ordinance may provide that violators thereof are guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.