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SENATE BILL NO. 576

Offered January 11, 2006 Prefiled January 11, 2006

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-969 of the Code of Virginia, relating to ordinances prohibiting resale of tickets to certain public events; penalty.

Patron—McDougle

Referred to Committee on Local Government

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.

A. 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 for more than the actual retail price or the price shown on the face, if any. Such ordinance may provide that violators thereof are guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

B. Subsection A shall not apply 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. Such ordinance may provide that violators thereof are guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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