

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1825

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Albo

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Rights to resell tickets; civil penalty.

5. Summary: The bill prohibits a person who issues tickets for admission to any sporting event, theatrical production, lecture, motion picture screening, or any other event that is open to the public from selling tickets solely through a delivery method that substantially prevents the ticket purchaser from reselling the ticket on an Internet ticketing platform. The bill also prohibits a person from being penalized, discriminated against, or denied admission to an event solely on the basis that the person resold a ticket or purchased a resold ticket on a specific Internet ticketing platform. The bill establishes a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$15,000 for each violation of these prohibitions to be recovered in a civil action brought by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, with such recovered funds deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Literary Fund.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). The number of complaints that VDACS will receive as a result of this bill and the associated investigative work required to bring civil action against violators of the prohibitions in this bill cannot be determined. In addition, actions against manufacturers for non-compliance could result in an expenditure impact to the Office of the Attorney General or VDACS for the use of outside counsel; the costs associated with these expenses cannot be determined. The bill does not identify a nongeneral fund revenue source to support the program; therefore, a general fund appropriation may be needed in future biennia to support related activities. The revenue to the Literary Fund for civil action under the provisions of the bill cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of the Attorney General, judicial system.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: SB1425 is the companion to this bill.