

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1978

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: Webert

3. Committee: Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Profane swearing in public.

5. Summary: This bill eliminates the crime of profanely swearing or cursing in public, which is currently punishable as a Class 4 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: Because this bill eliminates the crime of profanely swearing or cursing in public, a Class 4 misdemeanor, it would result in a reduction of revenue to the Commonwealth Literary Fund (Literary Fund); any person found guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor is subject to a fine of not more than \$250 which is deposited into the Literary Fund. There is not sufficient data available to estimate the decrease in revenue.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None