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SENATE BILL NO. 1752

Offered January 18, 2019

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 58.1-4018.2, relating to the Virginia Lottery; ticket discounting; civil penalties.

Patron—Ruff

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 58.1-4018.2 as follows: § 58.1-4018.2. Ticket discounting; civil penalties.
- A. As used in this section, "ticket discounting" means reselling or having a person other than the prizewinner claim a winning lottery ticket or buying or claiming a winning lottery ticket for the purpose of assisting the original prizewinner with concealing his identity as a prizewinner.
 - B. No person shall engage in the practice of ticket discounting.
- C. Any person found to have engaged in the practice of ticket discounting shall be fined as determined by the Director (i) for prizes of less than \$1,000, not more than \$250; (ii) for prizes of \$1,000 or more but less than \$5,000, more than \$250 but not more than \$500; and (iii) for prizes of \$5,000 or more, no less than \$1,000. All fines recovered for violations of this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Literary Fund, in accordance with § 19.2-353.