



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 464

PRINTER'S NO: 1274

PRIME SPONSOR: White

As amended by A00629

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 464, as amended by A00629, amends Act 62 of 1947, relating to ticket sales.

This bill further provides for ticket sales that occur over the internet by prohibiting the use of ticket purchasing software.

This act takes effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 464 prohibits the use of ticket purchasing software to acquire tickets from a ticket seller if the tickets would not have been acquired but for the use of the ticket purchasing software.

A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to a fine of \$5,000. Each ticket acquired through the use of ticket purchasing software constitutes a separate offense.

While this legislation creates a new offense, the penalty is an ungraded misdemeanor and will not create a burden on state correctional institutions or county jails. The number of individuals who may incur fines for using ticket purchasing software to illegally obtain tickets to events is not quantifiable. A large number of offenses in combination with the acquisition of multiple tickets (each illegal ticket acquisition is a separate offense) may result in revenue, in the form of fines, for the Commonwealth. The enactment of House Bill 464 is not expected to have a negative fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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