

Assembly Bill No. 329

CHAPTER 325

An act to add Section 22505.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to business.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 329, Pan. Ticket sellers: equitable online ticket buying process: sale or use of circumventing software.

Existing law provides for the comprehensive regulation of ticket sellers, and, among other things, requires disclosure of specified information to consumers and the maintenance of records and a permanent business address. Existing law provides that a violation of the laws regulating ticket sellers is a misdemeanor.

This bill would additionally provide that a person who intentionally uses software to circumvent a security measure, access control system, or other control or measure on a ticket seller's Internet Web site that is used to ensure an equitable ticket buying process is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Because this bill would create a new crime, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 22505.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

22505.5. Notwithstanding Section 22503.5, 22503.6, 22504, or 22511, a person who intentionally uses or sells software to circumvent a security measure, access control system, or other control or measure on a ticket seller's Internet Web site that is used to ensure an equitable ticket buying process is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of

Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.