S.B. 995: FLOOR ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 995 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Michael J. Bouchard Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would create "The Public Space Protection Act", which would permit an "entertainment forum" or shopping center that had reasonable grounds to believe that a person had violated the terms of admission or had created a public nuisance to use reasonable force to detain that person, remove that person from a public gathering within the entertainment forum or shopping center, or eject that person from the entertainment forum or shopping center.

("Entertainment forum" would mean an arena, theater, circus, athletic grounds used for an athletic event or other form of public entertainment, or other place of public entertainment, with a seating capacity of at least 200. "Shopping center" would mean commercial property for which a single lessor had executed two or more leases to persons engaged in the sale of goods or services, and for which there was a common parking area. An entertainment forum or shopping center also would include an owner, lessee, manager, operator, or agent of the entity, or an independent contractor providing security for an entertainment forum or shopping center.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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