

HB 1648 -- PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION

SPONSOR: Cornejo

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill adds engagement rings valued up to \$1,500 to the list of property exempt from attachment and execution. Currently, any miscellaneous property valued up to \$600 in the aggregate is exempt from attachment and execution. This bill increases the value to \$1,200. The bill also adds 401(k)s and any type of individual retirement arrangement as defined by Publication 590 of the IRS, but this exemption is limited by federal law.

Finally, the law currently allows each head of a family to select and hold various property and debts and wages valued up to \$1,250 plus up to \$350 for each head's unmarried dependent children under the age of 21, to be exempt from execution. This bill increases the values to \$1,650 plus \$450 for the person's unmarried dependent children under the age of 21.

This bill is the same as HB 422 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this simply changes items that are exempt from execution.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Cornejo.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.