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HOUSE BILL 877

Short Title: Clarify Video Devices.

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Sponsors: Representative Smith.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF COIN-OPERATED MACHINES,
VIDEO GAMES, AND DEVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-306 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-306. Slot machine or device defined.

Any machine, apparatus or device is a slot machine or device within the provisions of G.S. 14-296 through 14-309, if it is one that is adapted, or may be readily converted into one that is adapted, for use in such a way that, as a result of the insertion of any piece of money or coin or other object, such machine or device is caused to operate or may be operated in such manner that the user may receive or become entitled to receive any piece of money, credit, allowance or thing of value, or any check, slug, token or memorandum, whether of value or otherwise, or which may be exchanged for any money, credit, allowance or any thing of value, or which may be given in trade, or the user may secure additional chances or rights to use such machine, apparatus or device; or any other machine or device designed and manufactured primarily for use in connection with gambling and which machine or device is classified by the United States as requiring a federal gaming device tax stamp under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. This definition is intended to embrace all slot machines and similar devices except slot machines in which is kept any article to be purchased by depositing any coin or thing of value, and for which may be had any article of merchandise which makes the same return or returns of equal value each and every time it is operated, or any machine wherein may be seen any pictures or heard any music by depositing therein any coin or thing of value, or any slot weighing machine or any

1 machine for making stencils by the use of contrivances operated by depositing in the
2 machine any coin or thing of value, or any lock operated by slot wherein money or thing
3 of value is to be deposited, where such slot machines make the same return or returns of
4 equal value each and every time the same is operated and does not at any time it is
5 operated offer the user or operator any additional money, credit, allowance, or thing of
6 value, or check, slug, token or memorandum, whether of value or otherwise, which may
7 be exchanged for money, credit, allowance or thing of value or which may be given in
8 trade or by which the user may secure additional chances or rights to use such machine,
9 apparatus, or device, or in the playing of which the operator does not have a chance to
10 make varying scores or tallies.

11 The definition contained in the first paragraph of this section and G.S. 14-296, 14-
12 301, 14-302, and 14-305 does not include coin-operated machines, video games, and
13 ~~devices designed and manufactured for amusement only, the operation of which depends upon~~
14 ~~the skill or dexterity of the player. Included within this exception are pinball machines, video~~
15 ~~games, and other mechanical amusement devices that enable the player, based on his skill or~~
16 ~~dexterity, to make varying scores or tallies and to receive that award~~ free replays or paper
17 coupons that may be exchanged for prizes with a value not exceeding ten dollars
18 (\$10.00), but may not be exchanged or converted to money."

19 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.