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Short Title: Video Poker Machines Illegal.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO MAKE POSSESSION OF VIDEO POKER AND OTHER VIDEO GAME
MACHINES IN NORTH CAROLINA UNLAWFUL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-306.1. Types of machines and devices prohibited by law; penalties.

(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 14-306, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep on that person's premises or to operate or permit to be kept on that person's premises any video game machine on which any of the following games are played by depositing a coin, credit card, or debit card, or by any other means which would effectuate payment to activate the game:

(1) A video poker game or any other kind of video card game.

(2) A video bingo game.

(3) A video craps game.

(4) A video keno game.

(5) A video lotto game.

(6) A video game that involves matching different pictures, words, numbers, or symbols.

1 (b) Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a Class 1
2 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars
3 (\$1,000).

4 A second or subsequent violation of this section is a Class I felony.

5 A person violating the provisions of this section involving the operation or having
6 caused the operation of 10 or more machines prohibited by this section shall be guilty of
7 a Class G felony."

8 Section 2. G.S. 14-298 reads as rewritten:

9 "**§ 14-298. Gaming tables, illegal punchboards and slot machines to be destroyed by**
10 **police officers.**

11 All sheriffs and officers of police are hereby authorized and directed, on information
12 made to them on oath that any gaming table prohibited to be used by G.S. 14-289 through
13 14-300, ~~or any illegal punchboard or illegal slot machine-machine,~~ or any video game
14 machine prohibited to be used by G.S. 14-306.1, is in the possession or use of any person
15 within the limits of their jurisdiction, to destroy the same by every means in their power;
16 and they shall call to their aid all the good citizens of the county, if necessary, to effect its
17 destruction."

18 Section 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 2000.