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H 1409. VIDEO POKER REGISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT FEE. *TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVILEGE LICENSE ON VIDEO GAMING MACHINES TO RECOVER THE COSTS OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND THE COST OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE VIDEO GAMING STATUTES, SO AS TO MAKE THE REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT SELF-SUPPORTING.* Adds new GS 105-37.3 to require every person operating a video gaming machine to obtain a statewide license at \$250 per year. Funds are to be remitted to the finance officer of the county where the machine is located to be appropriated to the sheriff for law enforcement purposes. County may not expend the funds for other purposes, and the funds may not be used to supplant any other funding for the sheriff's office. Prohibits counties and cities from levying any license tax on the machines. Effective July 1, 2001. **Intro. by Goodwin and Baddour.**

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