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**H 1277. BAN SERVER-BASED VIDEO POKER.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO FURTHER CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN SERVER-BASED VIDEO POKER GAMES ARE PROHIBITED.*

Amends GS 14-306 to clarify that a machine, apparatus, or device is a slot machine if, in addition to the definition already established by that section, it involves the use or insertion of any thing or device, whether or not it has any value. Eliminates the exemption for devices that, in actual operation, limit to eight the number of accumulated credits or replays that may be played at one time or which award free replays or paper coupons that may be exchanged for prizes with a value not exceeding \$10. Adds that any person who possesses up to five slot machines is guilty of a Class I felony, and anyone who possesses more than five is guilty of a Class H felony. Any person who manufactures, possesses for the purpose of manufacture or distribution, or distributes a slot machine is guilty of a Class H felony for each machine manufactured, possessed, or distributed. Adds new provisions to the definition of *video gaming machine* in GS 14-306.1A(b). Makes conforming changes. Effective December 1, 2009, and applicable to offenses committed on or after that date.

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