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S 971. CLOSE SWEEPSTAKES LOOPHOLE. Filed 3/25/09. *TO FURTHER CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN SWEEPSTAKES ARE PROHIBITED .*

Amends GS 14-306, narrowing the scope of machines or devices excluded from the definition of slot machine or device by repealing subsection (b)(2). Provides that any person who possesses five or fewer slot machines is guilty of a Class I felony. Any person who possesses more than 5 slot machines 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. Amends the definition of video gaming machine in GS 14-306.1A(b) by adding a video version of a pull tab or scratch off game or similar game, or any representation, simulation, or facsimile of any game of the type or nature similar to those described in the subsection. Also repeals the exclusion in subsection (f). Makes conforming changes. Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2009.

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