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H 3871 General Bill, By Sandifer, Beck, Cato, Easterday, Emory, Gilham, Hamilton, Haskins, Leach, Littlejohn, Martin, Mason, Meacham, Riser, Rodgers, Sharpe, R. Smith, Trotter, Vaughn, Webb and Wilkins

Summary: Elections, Referendum, Video poker gambling, Lottery, Coin-operated devices, Gambling

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE REFERENDUM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1999, TO DETERMINE IF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE FAVOR KEEPING VIDEO POKER GAMBLING LEGAL AND TO MAKE VIDEO POKER GAMBLING ILLEGAL IF A MAJORITY "NO" VOTE IS CERTIFIED ON THAT QUESTION, TO IMPOSE A MACHINE LICENSE TAX SURCHARGE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A MACHINE TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE REFERENDUM, AND TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF MAKING VIDEO POKER GAMBLING ILLEGAL UNDER THAT CIRCUMSTANCE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-21-2710, AS AMENDED, 12-21-2712, 12-21-2720, AS AMENDED, AND 12-21-2726, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COIN-OPERATED MACHINES OR DEVICES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROHIBITION ON SLOT MACHINES AND OTHER MACHINES OR DEVICES PERTAINING TO GAMES OF CHANCE TO VIDEO GAMES WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE OR ANY OTHER COIN-OPERATED MACHINE OR DEVICE USED FOR GAMBLING, TO EXTEND THE SEIZURE AND DESTRUCTION PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO GAMES OF CHANCE TO THESE EXPANDED PROHIBITIONS, TO CONFORM EXISTING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR COIN-OPERATED MACHINES AND DEVICES TO THESE EXPANDED PROHIBITIONS AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO PROVISIONS OF LAW REPEALED BY THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-54-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TAX CRIMES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE OFFENSE OF OPERATING AN UNMETERED VIDEO GAME WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-19-40 AND 16-19-50, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF GAMBLING, SO AS TO EXTEND THESE OFFENSES SPECIFICALLY TO PLAYING OR MAINTAINING ANY LICENSED COIN-OPERATED MACHINE OR DEVICE USED FOR GAMBLING PURPOSES; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 12-21-2703, 16-19-60, AND ARTICLE 20, CHAPTER 21 OF TITLE 12, RELATING RESPECTIVELY TO THE RETAIL LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR A LOCATION WITH VIDEO GAMES WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE, THE EXEMPTION OF VIDEO GAMES WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE FROM THE GAMBLING OFFENSES, AND THE VIDEO GAMES MACHINES ACT.

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