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H 3288 General Bill, By Simrill, Boan, Delleney, J.H. Hodges, Kirsh, McCraw and Meacham Similar (S 0207)

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-19-60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE NONAPPLICATION OF THE GAMBLING OFFENSES TO COIN-OPERATED NONPAYOUT MACHINES WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THIS PROVISION DOES NOT PROHIBIT REGULATION OF THESE MACHINES, INCLUDING THEIR PROHIBITION, PURSUANT TO THE VIDEO GAMES MACHINES ACT AND ITS COUNTY OPTION PROVISIONS: TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-2791, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON PAYOUTS ON MACHINES AS DEFINED UNDER THE VIDEO GAMES MACHINES ACT, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO GAMBLING PROVISIONS AND CLARIFY THAT THIS PROVISION IS DIRECTED AT A PERSON; TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-2804, RELATING TO REGULATION OF VIDEO MACHINES. SO AS TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR MACHINES LOCATED IN COUNTIES WHERE PAYOUTS ARE PROHIBITED, INCLUDING MONETARY PENALTIES, LICENSE REVOCATION, AND SEIZURE OF MACHINES, PROVIDE FOR THESE PENALTIES TO APPLY IMMEDIATELY AND PROVIDE THE SOLE REMEDY FOR THESE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-2808, RELATING TO REFERENDUMS ALLOWED IN COUNTIES ON CONTINUING OR PROHIBITING CASH PAYOUTS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO GAMBLING PROVISIONS, DELETE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AND MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-2809, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITIONS ON LICENSING AND LOCATING MACHINES IN NONPAYOUT COUNTIES, SO AS TO DELETE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND SUBJECT VIOLATORS TO THE CIVIL PENALTIES PROVIDED BY THIS ACT AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PENALTY EXTENDS TO OWNING OR POSSESSING THESE MACHINES; TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES IN WHICH A MAJORITY "NO" VOTE WAS CERTIFIED IN THE REFERENDUM PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-21-2806 ARE DEEMED TO HAVE MADE THAT CHOICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-21-2808, AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT, WITH AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE PRORATED REFUNDS FOR MACHINES LICENSED IN SUCH COUNTIES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 12-21-2806, RELATING TO THE INITIAL REFERENDUM ON CONTINUING CASH PAYOUTS.

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