

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

### H 4577 General Bill, By House Ways and Means

#### **Similar (S 0947)**

A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-21-2710, AS AMENDED, 12-21-2712, 12-21-2720, AS AMENDED, AND 12-21-2726, 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FOR COIN-OPERATED MACHINES AND DEVICES TO THESE EXPANDED PROHIBITIONS AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO PROVISIONS OF LAW REPEALED BY THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-54-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TAX CRIMES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE OFFENSE OF OPERATING AN UNMETERED VIDEO GAME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 PROVIDE FOR A ONE-YEAR LICENSE PERIOD FOR VIDEO GAMES WITH A FREE PLAY FEATURE FOR LICENSES ISSUED FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING AFTER MAY 31, 1998, AT A FEE OF FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND 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.

**02/04/98 House Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference HJ-29**

**02/10/98 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). H. Brown, McKay, Woodrum, Young, Barrett, Sandifer, Hawkins, Trotter, Bailey, Law, Riser, Clyburn, Loftis, Sharpe, R. Smith, Cato, Leach, Hamilton, Walker, Campsen, Altman, Mason & Lanford HJ-16**

**02/10/98 House Special order, set for Wednesday, February 11, 1998, immediately following call of uncontested calendar (Under H. 4602) HJ-18**

**02/11/98 House Amended HJ-20**

**02/11/98 House Read second time HJ-60**

**02/11/98 House Roll call Yeas-86 Nays-32 HJ-60**

**02/12/98 House Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-12**

**02/12/98 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-6**

**02/12/98 Senate Referred to Committee on Finance SJ-6**

**02/26/98 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable, minority unfavorable Finance SJ-17**

**04/08/98 Senate Adjourned debate until after budget or court decision SJ-35**