

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO LIMIT ELECTRONIC MACHINES OR DEVICES NOT PROHIBITED BY
ARTICLE 37 TO NO MORE THAN FOUR MACHINES PER LOCATION**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of Article 37 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-306.5. Limitations on electronic machines or devices.

- (a) A person may possess and place into operation up to four electronic machines or devices not prohibited by this Article within any building area as defined in Section 502.1 of the N.C. Building Code, provided all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) The person otherwise complies with all of the provisions of this Article.
 - (2) The person complies with all applicable land-use laws.
 - (3) The person has not been convicted of any violations of this Article or of any federal or State gaming laws.
 - (4) The electronic machines or devices are not located within 100 feet of any other electronic machines or devices possessed and operated under this section.
- (b) Use of an electronic machine or device possessed and operated in compliance with this section shall not constitute a violation of this Part by a user.
- (c) Any alcohol law enforcement agent and any other law enforcement officer shall have the authority and right to inspect any and all premises and electronic machines or devices for compliance with this section.
- (d) For purposes of this section, "electronic machine or device" shall have the same meaning as in G.S. 14-306.4, except that all references to "sweepstakes" therein shall mean any game, advertising scheme or plan, or other promotion, which, with or without payment of any consideration, a person may enter to win or become eligible to receive any prize, the determination of which is based upon the use of skill or dexterity."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.