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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL  
STATUTES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-298 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-298. **Seizure of illegal gaming items.**

Upon a determination that probable cause exists to believe that any gaming table prohibited to be used by G.S. 14-289 through G.S. 14-300, any illegal punchboard or illegal slot machine, or any video game machine prohibited to be used by G.S. 14-306 or ~~G.S. 14-306.1~~, G.S. 14-306.1A, is in the illegal possession or use of any person within the limits of their jurisdiction, all sheriffs and law enforcement officers are authorized to seize the items in accordance with applicable State law. Any law enforcement agency in possession of that item shall retain the item pending a disposition order from a district or superior court judge. Upon application by the law enforcement agency, district attorney, or owner, and after notice and opportunity to be heard by all parties, if the court determines that the item is unlawful to possess, it shall enter an order releasing the item to the law enforcement agency for destruction or for training purposes. If the court determines that the item is not unlawful to possess and will not be used in violation of the law, the item shall be ordered released to its owner upon satisfactory proof of ownership. The foregoing procedures for release shall not apply, however, with respect to an item seized for use as evidence in any criminal action or proceeding until after entry of final judgment."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 152-7(6) reads as rewritten:

"§ 152-7. **Duties of coroners with respect to inquests and preliminary hearings.**

The duties of the several coroners with respect to inquests and preliminary hearings shall be as follows:

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1           (6) Immediately upon information of the death of a person within his  
2           county, under such circumstances as call for an investigation as  
3           provided in ~~G.S. 130-198~~G.S. 130A-383, the coroner shall notify the  
4           district attorney of the superior court and the medical examiner.

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6           **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007, and  
7           applies to offenses committed on or after that date. Section 2 of this act is effective  
8           when it becomes law. This section is effective when it becomes law.