## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

## **SESSION 1989**

H 1 **HOUSE BILL 965** Short Title: Professional Gambling-Felony. (Public) Sponsors: Representative Privette. Referred to: Judiciary. March 30, 1989 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS WHO ENGAGE IN PROFESSIONAL GAMBLING SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CLASS H FELONY. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: Section 1. Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read: "§ 14-292.2. Professional gambling. (a) 'Professional gambling' is the business or practice of unlawful gambling by the use of cards, dice, or other gambling device with the purpose of winning money or other property, or the maintenance or operation, either as owner or employee, of a place for gambling. This activity shall include, but not be limited to: book making; sports betting; maintaining slot machines, roulette wheels, or gaming tables, in any place; conducting lotteries or selling chances in lotteries; operating pyramid schemes; and operating illegal bingo games. (b) Whoever engages in professional gambling, or knowingly causes, aids, abets, or conspires with another to engage in professional gambling shall be guilty of a Class H felony."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989.

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