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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to gambling equipment; creating  
s. 849.2315, F.S.; directing the Department of  
Business and Professional Regulation to make  
certain rules; requiring manufacturers to be  
bonded and to place a registration number on  
equipment manufactured; providing for  
administrative and criminal penalties;  
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 849.2315, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

849.2315 Manufacture of certain gambling devices;  
registration required; bond; penalties for violations.--

(1) The Department of Business and Professional  
Regulation shall provide, by rule adopted within 90 days after  
the effective date of this act, for the regulation of the  
manufacture of gambling equipment. In addition to any other  
requirements, such rules shall provide:

(a) That each piece of gambling equipment manufactured  
in Florida be stamped with a registration number clearly  
identifying the manufacturer of the equipment.

(b) That manufacturers of gambling equipment be bonded  
in order to conduct business in Florida. The amount of the  
bond required shall be determined by the department.

(c) For administrative penalties, including the loss  
of any occupational license, when a manufacturer knowingly  
sells gambling equipment to a person or corporation to be used  
for illegal purposes.

1           (2) Any manufacturer who violates the provisions of  
2 this section by knowingly selling gambling equipment to be  
3 used by the purchaser for illegal purposes, shall, in addition  
4 to any administrative penalty, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
5 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.  
6 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.085. Any person who is found  
7 guilty of a second or subsequent violation of this section  
8 shall be guilty of a felony of the first degree, punishable as  
9 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

10           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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13           HOUSE SUMMARY

14           Requires manufacturers of gambling equipment to be bonded  
15 and to stamp such equipment with an identifying  
16 registration number. Directs the Department of Business  
and Professional Regulation to make described rules with  
17 respect to the manufacture of such equipment. Provides  
penalties for manufacturers who knowingly sell such  
18 equipment which is used for illegal purposes. See bill  
for details.