

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 423  
 2 INTRODUCED BY O'CONNELL, LYNCH  
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE  
 5 GAMBLING DEVICE KNOWN AS A SLOT MACHINE AND THE LICENSING  
 6 AND TAXING THEREOF WITH PROCEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO THE  
 7 COUNTIES OF MONTANA TO REPLACE THE AUTOMOBILE PERSONAL  
 8 PROPERTY LICENSE TAX AND PROVIDING THAT THE PROPOSED ACT BE  
 9 SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Slot machines legalized. That gambling  
 12 device known as a slot machine is hereby legalized and the  
 13 operation thereof is allowed in retail establishments in the  
 14 state of Montana to be taxed, licensed, and controlled by  
 15 the state of Montana, the tax proceeds of which shall be  
 16 returned to the counties of the state of Montana in  
 17 proportion to the proceeds realized from each county, less  
 18 state administration costs, the proceeds of which shall  
 19 replace the automobile personal property license tax so far  
 20 as possible.  
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22 Section 2. Implementation. The 46th Legislature shall  
 23 pass appropriate laws to:

- 24 (1) effect the purpose of this act;
- 25 (2) ensure that said slot machines are rigidly

1 regulated to prevent any cheating or illegal act by anyone  
 2 who owns or operates said machines; and  
 3 (3) ensure that proceeds generated from the license  
 4 and taxes on the slot machines are allocated in accordance  
 5 with this act.

6 Section 3. Submission to electorate. The question of  
 7 whether this act will become effective shall be submitted to  
 8 the electors of the state at the general election to be held  
 9 November 7, 1978, by printing on the ballot the full title,  
 10 sections 1 and 2 of this act, and the following:

- 11  FOR legalization of slot machines.
- 12  AGAINST legalization of slot machines.

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