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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 774

March 25, 1996 - Offered by Representative Prosser.

1 AN ACT relating to: a joint legislative council study on the future of the tavern
2 industry; gambling offenses; and providing a penalty.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) Gambling. Notwithstanding the penalty provided for a violation of section 945.02 of the statutes, whoever violates that section on or after the effective date of this subsection but before July 1, 1998, and the violation involves a video game of chance commonly known as a video poker machine, is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, the penalty for which is prescribed under section 939.51 (3) (c), 1993 stats.
- (2) Commercial gambling. Notwithstanding the penalty provided for a violation of section 945.03 of the statutes, whoever violates that section on or after the effective date of this subsection but before July 1, 1998, and the violation involves a video game of chance commonly known as a video poker machine, is guilty of a Class

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B misdemeanor, the penalty for which is prescribed under section 939.51 (3) (b), 1993 stats.

- (3) Permitting premises to be used for commercial gambling. Notwithstanding the penalty provided for a violation of section 945.04 of the statutes, whoever violates that section on or after the effective date of this subsection but before July 1, 1998, and the violation involves a video game of chance commonly known as a video poker machine, is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, the penalty for which is prescribed under section 939.51 (3) (c), 1993 stats.
- (4) Future of the tavern industry. The joint legislative council is requested to study the issue of the future of the tavern industry in Wisconsin, including an assessment of the impact of gambling on the tavern industry. By July 1, 1997, the legislative council shall report its findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any, to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes and to the governor.

15 (END)