

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Short Title: Lottery Ticket Possession Legalized.

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Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

January 13, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DECRIMINALIZE THE POSSESSION OF CERTAIN LOTTERY
TICKETS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-291.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-291.1. Selling 'numbers' tickets; possession prima facie evidence of violation.

Except in connection with a lawful raffle as provided in Part 2 of this Article, if any person shall sell, barter or cause to be sold or bartered any ticket, token, certificate or order for any number or shares in any lottery, commonly known as the numbers or butter and egg lottery, or lotteries of similar character, to be drawn or paid within or without the State, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court. Any person who shall have in his possession any tickets, certificates or orders used in the operation of any such lottery, except for lottery tickets legally sold in the state where purchased, shall be guilty under this section, and the possession of such tickets shall be **prima facie** evidence of the violation of this section."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.