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Prohibited States

Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Indiana, Nebraska, South
Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin

Be careful with the purchase of ANY slot machine. Many companies allow you to purchase from them, accept your money, and ship you a slot machine without letting you know about the legalities of owning such a machine in your state. The following nine states listed below make it illegal for any resident to own a slot machine (or video poker type machine) for non-gambling purposes

Any company that does ship you a slot machine is placing you in a potentially illegal situation, and may expose you to federal and/or state criminal prosecution. Please also be advised that the law does not differentiate between coins, tokens, slugs, etc. A slot machine (or video poker type machine) is illegal in your State of residence whether the machine takes coins, tokens, slugs, or any other item. Laws change. We are not responsible for any errors

The following list is only a guide. Although every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the previous information, it does not have the force and effect of law, rule or regulation. Should any difference or error occur, the law will take precedence. (Please research your state and local laws before buying any slot machine.)

ALABAMA

Section 13A-12-27

Possession of gambling device.

- (a) A person commits the crime of possession of a gambling device if with knowledge of the character thereof he manufactures, sells, transports, places or possesses, or conducts or negotiates any transaction affecting or designed to affect ownership, custody or use of:
- (1) A slot machine; or
- (2) Any other gambling device, with the intention that it be used in the advancement of unlawful gambling activity.
- (b) Possession of a gambling device is a Class A misdemeanor.

ARKANSAS

Section 5-66-104

Gaming devices - Prohibition.

Every person who shall set up, keep, or exhibit any gaming table or gambling device, commonly called A. B. C., E. O., roulette, rouge et noir, or any faro bank, or any other gaming table or gambling device, or bank of the like or similar kind, or of any other description although not herein named, be the name or denomination what it may, adapted, devised, or designed for the purpose of playing any game of chance, or at which any money or property may be won or lost, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) and may be imprisoned any length of time not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year.

CONNECTICUT

Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 53-278a.

Gambling: Definitions.

(4) "Gambling device" means any device or mechanism by the operation of which a right to money, credits, deposits or other things of value may be created, as the result of the operation of an element of chance; any device or mechanism which, when operated for a consideration, does not return the same value or thing of value for the same consideration upon each operation thereof; any device, mechanism, furniture or fixture designed primarily for use in connection with professional gambling; and any subassembly or essential part designed or intended for use in connection with any such device, mechanism, furniture, fixture, construction or installation, provided an immediate and unrecorded right of replay mechanically conferred on players of pinball machines and similar amusement devices shall be presumed to be without value. "Gambling device" does not include a crane game machine or device or a redemption machine;

Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 53-278c.

Penalties for possession, sale, etc., of gambling devices or records (d) ... any person who knowingly owns, manufactures, possesses, buys, sells, rents, leases, stores, repairs or transports any gambling device, or offers or solicits any interest therein, ... whether through an agent or employee or otherwise shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

HAWAII

§712-1226

Possession of a gambling device.

- (1) A person commits the offense of possession of a gambling device if the person manufactures, sells, transports, places, possesses, or conducts or negotiates any transaction affecting or designed to affect ownership, custody, or use of any gambling device, knowing it is to be used in the advancement of gambling activity which is not social gambling.
- (2) Possession of a gambling device is a misdemeanor.

INDIANA

IC 35-45-5-4

Promoting professional gambling;

Sec. 4. ...

(1) knowingly or intentionally owns, manufactures, possesses, buys, sells, rents, leases, repairs, or transports a gambling device, or offers or solicits an interest in a gambling device; ...shall discontinue or refuse to furnish that service, facility, or equipment.

NEBRASKA

Section 28-1107

Possession of a gambling device; penalty; exemption

- (1) A person commits the offense of possession of a gambling device if he or she manufactures, sells, transports, places, possesses, or conducts or negotiates any transaction affecting or designed to affect ownership, custody, or use of any gambling device, knowing that it shall be used in the advancement of unlawful gambling activity.
- (3) Possession of a gambling device is a Class II misdemeanor.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Section 12 21 2710.

Types of machines and devices prohibited by law; penalties.

It is unlawful for any person to keep on his premises or operate or permit to be kept on his premises or operated within this State any vending or slot machine, or any video game machine with a free play feature operated by a slot in which is deposited a coin or thing of value, or other device operated by a slot in which is deposited a coin or thing of value for the play of poker, blackjack, keno, lotto, bingo, or craps, or any machine or device licensed pursuant to Section 12 21 2720 and used for gambling or any punch board, pull board, or other device pertaining to games of chance of whatever name or kind, including those machines, boards, or other devices that display different pictures, words, or symbols, at different plays or different numbers, whether in words or figures or, which deposit tokens or coins at regular intervals or in varying numbers to the player or in the machine, but the provisions of this section do not extend to coin operated non-payout pin tables, in line pin games, or to automatic weighing, measuring, musical, and vending machines which are constructed as to give a certain uniform and fair return in value for each coin deposited and in which there is no element of chance. Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for a period of not more than one year, or both.

TENNESSEE

39-17-505.

Possession of gambling device or record

- (a) (1) A person commits an offense who knowingly owns, manufactures, possesses, buys, sells, rents, leases, stores, repairs, transports, prints, or makes any gambling device or record.
- (c) Possession of a gambling device or record is a Class B misdemeanor.

WISCONSIN

945.035

Certain slot machines on licensed premises.

945.035(1) In this section, "exempt slot machine" means a slot machine manufactured before December 31, 1974, that is exempt from the prohibition under s. 945.05 (1) because it is intended to be used solely for display, restoration and preservation purposes.