

## WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §29-22B-1709

### **§29-22B-1709. Criminal penalty for deceptive practices.**

(a) A person who knowingly conducts, carries on, operates or exposes for play, or allows to be conducted, carried on, operated or exposed for play, any video lottery game, video lottery terminal, data line connection with the central control computer, or other device, equipment or material which has in any manner been tampered with or placed in a condition or operated in a manner the result of which tends to deceive the state Lottery Commission or tends to alter the accurate recording of credits played and credits won by the commission's central control computer, or the central control computer's ability to disable and cause not to operate any or all video lottery terminals of a licensed limited video lottery retailer, for the first offense is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in a county or regional jail not more than one year and fined not more than \$5,000, except that, in the case of a person other than an individual, the amount of the fine imposed may be not more than \$50,000.

(b) A second and each subsequent offense under this section shall be a felony and, upon conviction thereof, the person shall be confined in a state correctional facility for at least one year but not more than five years, and fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, except that when the person is not an individual, the amount of the fine imposed may be not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$50,000.