

## **Introduction to *North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2018***

*North Carolina slot machine casino gambling* consists entirely of two American Indian tribal casinos, established by negotiated state-tribal gaming compacts subsequently approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Tribal casinos in North Carolina are not required to provide payback return percentages to the state, but must maintain a payback return on all video machines to be between 83% and 98%. Further, video games are required to be games of "skill or dexterity", so slot machines in North Carolina operate differently than might otherwise be generally expected.

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North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling: Beautiful autumn colors.

### **Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in North Carolina\***

The minimum legal gambling age in North Carolina is 21.

North Carolina has a single federally recognized American Indian tribe, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The tribe has built two casinos on its Qualla Boundary lands located in the Great Smoky Mountains. The tribe also operates a high-stakes bingo hall.

Video poker machines were once widespread in the state, but in 2000 state regulations were enacted which limited video poker machines to three per location as well as banning the installation of any new machines.

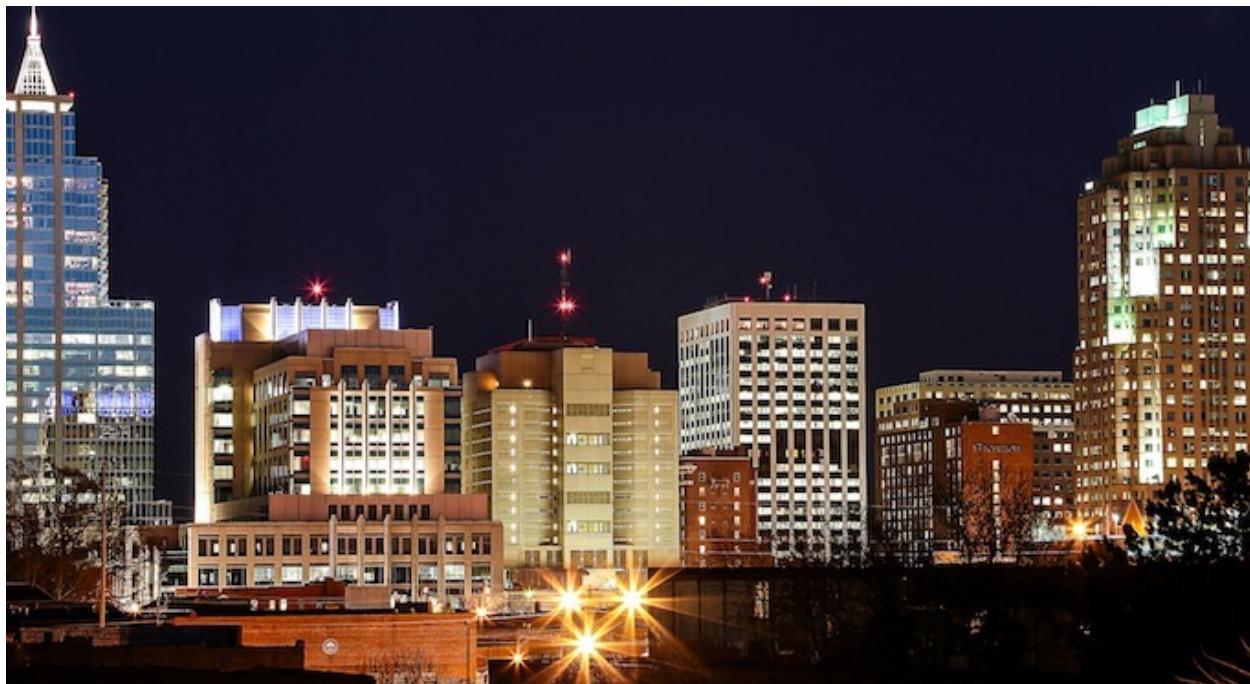
After nearly a half dozen attempts, state legislature finally completely banned commercially-owned video poker machines and video gaming machines in 2007.

The state-tribal gaming compact between the state of North Carolina and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, which allows video games of skill or dexterity, is available online. In part, it defines Video Game as an approved Class III game, where it is defined as:

*"Video Game" means any electronic video game or amusement device that allows a player to play a game of amusement involving the use of skill or dexterity as allowed under N.C.F.S Sections 14-306 and 14-306.1A or as subsequently amended by the North Carolina General Assembly."*

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North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling: Raleigh, the state capital.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in North Carolina

It is legal to privately own a slot machine in the state of North Carolina if it is 25 years old or older.

## Gaming Control Board in North Carolina

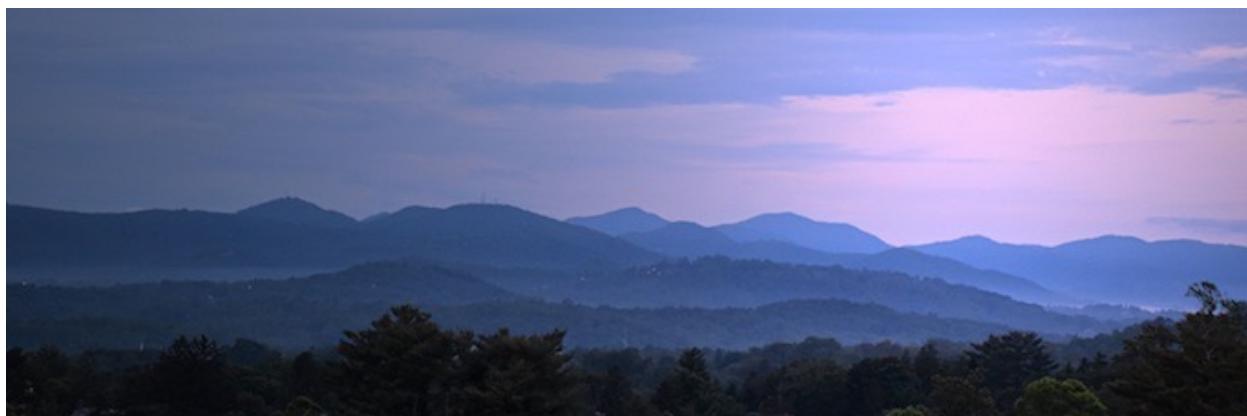
North Carolina does not have a state gaming commission.

## Casinos in North Carolina

North Carolina's two casinos are both tribal casino establishments. The type of casino action found at these Indian casinos includes "skill or dexterity" based video slot machines. They also offer a variety of table games.

These two casinos in North Carolina are:

1. [Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort](#)
  - o Cherokee, NC
  - o A tribal casino operated by Harrah's.
2. [Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel](#)
  - o Murphy, NC
  - o A tribal casino operated by Harrah's.



North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling: The Great Smoky Mountains.

## **Summary of North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2018**

North Carolina has long resisted expansion of gambling. *North Carolina slot machine casino gambling* consists of two American Indian tribal casinos. Both tribal casinos are operated by Caesars Entertainment, but wholly owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians through use of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

Tribal casinos in North Carolina are not required to provide payback returns to the state, but are required to provide payback return percentages of at least 83% to 98%. Further, North Carolina slot machines are legally required to be video games of skill or dexterity.

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## **Professor Slots Video on North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2018**

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