

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2048

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISSEMINATION OF VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES TO  
2 CERTAIN MINORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

4 **SECTION 1. Selling or furnishing interactive violent video**  
5 **games to juveniles.**

6 (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
7 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

8 (a) "Entertainment Software Rating Board" means the  
9 independent rating system established by the Interactive Digital  
10 Software Association developed to provide consumer information  
11 regarding the content of video and computer software games and  
12 which may be found on the Internet at the Entertainment Software  
13 Rating Board World Wide Web site.

14 (b) "Graphic violence" includes, but is not limited to,  
15 depictions of:

- 16 (i) Decapitation.
- 17 (ii) Bloodshed.
- 18 (iii) Dismemberment.
- 19 (iv) Grotesque cruelty.

20 (c) "Juvenile" means any person eighteen (18) years of  
21 age or younger.

22 (2) (a) A person commits an offense if the person sells,  
23 rents or otherwise provides for use for a charge any video game to  
24 a juvenile which contains scenes or depictions of graphic violence  
25 as determined by the Entertainment Software Rating Board. The  
26 first violation of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor



27 punishable by a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more  
28 than one (1) month in the county jail.

29 (b) A second or subsequent violation of this subsection  
30 shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of Five Hundred  
31 Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than one (1) year in the county  
32 jail.

33 (3) Any person or business offering any video game or  
34 computer game for sale, loan, rental or use must make available  
35 the most recent listings of the Entertainment Software Rating  
36 Board for the inspection and review by any potential purchaser,  
37 renter, user or transferee of such video or computer game.  
38 Failure to make such information available shall constitute a  
39 misdemeanor.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
41 and after July 1, 2002.

