

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2287

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 website.

14 (b) "Juvenile" means any person seventeen (17) years of  
15 age or younger.

16 (2) (a) A person commits an offense if the person sells,  
17 rents or otherwise provides for use, for a charge, any video game  
18 to a juvenile which has a "Mature (M)" or "Adult (A)" rating for  
19 violence, as determined by the Entertainment Software Rating  
20 Board, without the consent of the juvenile's parent, guardian or  
21 supervising family member over the age of eighteen (18). The  
22 first violation of this subsection shall be a violation punishable  
23 by a civil fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

24 (b) A second or subsequent violation of this subsection  
25 shall be a violation punishable by a civil fine of Five Hundred  
26 Dollars (\$500.00).

27           (3) Any person or business offering any video game or  
28 computer game for sale, loan, rental or use must make available  
29 the most recent listings of the Entertainment Software Rating  
30 Board for the inspection and review by any potential purchaser,  
31 renter, user or transferee of such video or computer game.  
32 Failure to make such information available shall constitute a  
33 violation punishable by a civil fine of One Hundred Dollars  
34 (\$100.00).

35           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after July 1, 2004.