

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2131

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.** (1) As used in this section, the following
6 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
7 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, 2005.