

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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2 82nd General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 925

5 By: Senator Webb
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO
10 KNOWINGLY ALLOW THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF VIOLENT VIDEO
11 GAMES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. (a) Beginning January 1, 2000, it shall be unlawful for any
23 person to knowingly cause a video game, which is not conspicuously labeled
24 with a parental advisory disclosure message, to be publicly displayed or
25 offered for public play. The parental advisory disclosure message shall be
26 based on a voluntary rating system for video games developed by the
27 Interactive Digital Software Association for the major video game companies
28 modeled after the rating system for movies developed by the Motion Picture
29 Association of America or an equivalent voluntary rating system.

30 (b) Video games which, based on the voluntary rating system referred to
31 in subsection(a), are considered unsuitable for persons under the age of
32 eighteen (18) years shall be controlled in such a manner as to prevent their
33 viewing or playing by any person under the age of eighteen (18) years in one
34 of the following manners:

35 (1) In locations with over 1000 square feet of gaming area, video
36 games which, according to the voluntary rating system are determined to be

1 unsuitable for persons under the age of eighteen (18) years, shall be located
2 in a separate area into which access is controlled and minors are prevented
3 from entering; or,

4 (2) In locations with 1000 square feet or less of gaming area,
5 video games which, according to the voluntary rating system are determined to
6 be unsuitable for persons under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be
7 positioned in such a manner as to prevent their viewing or playing by minors.

8 (c) Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a
9 Class A misdemeanor.

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11 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
12 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
13 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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/s/ Webb