

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1852

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5 By: Representative Matayo
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR
10 ALLOWING THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF VIOLENT
11 INTERACTIVE VIDEO GAMES TO MINORS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 VIOLENT INTERACTIVE VIDEO GAMES TO
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 27 is amended to add an
24 additional subchapter to read as follows:

25 Subchapter 7 – Exposure to Violent Video Games

26 5-27-701. Definitions.

27 As used in this subchapter:

28 (1) "Entertainment Software Rating Board" is a self-regulatory
29 organization that independently rates all entertainment software, including
30 video and computer games;

31 (2) "Exhibit" means to display a video or computer software game
32 in a location that allows the game to be played or the scenes and depictions
33 of the game to be viewed;

34 (3) "Minor" means any person under eighteen (18) years of age;
35 and

36 (4) "Violent video game" means a video or computer software game



1 that is rated "M" for mature by the Entertainment Software Rating Board.

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3 5-27-702. Unlawful acts.

4 (a)(1) It is unlawful for any person having custody, control, or
5 supervision of any commercial establishment to knowingly exhibit to a minor
6 violent video games.

7 (2) However, a person shall not be guilty of violating the
8 provisions of subdivision (a)(1) of this section if the violent video games
9 are exhibited in one (1) of the following manners:

10 (A) In commercial establishments with over one thousand
11 square feet (1000 sq. ft.) of floor space where the violent video games are
12 located in a separate area into which access is controlled and minors are
13 prevented from entering; or

14 (B) In commercial establishments with one thousand square
15 feet (1000 sq. ft.) or less of floor space where the violent video games are
16 located in an area that prevents minors from viewing or playing the games.

17 (b)(1) Any person violating the provisions of subdivision (a)(1) of
18 this section shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be
19 subject to a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

20 (2) Each distinct, noncontinuous violation of subdivision (a)(1)
21 of this section shall be a separate offense.