

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4703

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by amending the title, as amended by 1991 PA
56, and by adding section 143a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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TITLE

An act to revise, consolidate, codify, and add to the statutes
relating to crimes; to define crimes and prescribe the penalties
~~therefor~~ **AND REMEDIES**; to provide for restitution under certain
circumstances; to provide for the competency of evidence at the
trial of persons accused of crime; to provide immunity from
prosecution for certain witnesses appearing at such trials; and to
repeal certain acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or

House Bill No. 4703 as amended May 31, 2005

1 contravening any of the provisions of this act.

2 SEC. 143A. (1) A VIDEO GAME RETAILER SHALL POST A SIGN IN A
3 PROMINENT AREA WITHIN THE VIDEO GAME RETAILER'S RETAIL
4 ESTABLISHMENT THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT A RATING SYSTEM OR
5 NOTIFIES CONSUMERS THAT A RATING SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE TO AID IN THE
6 SELECTION OF A GAME AND SHALL MAKE INFORMATION THAT EXPLAINS THE
7 VIDEO GAME RATING SYSTEM AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS ON REQUEST.

8 (2) A VIDEO GAME RETAILER THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS
9 RESPONSIBLE FOR A STATE CIVIL INFRACTION AND MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY
10 A <<CIVIL>> FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.

11 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

12 (A) "RATING SYSTEM" MEANS ANY VIDEO GAME RATING SYSTEM SHOWN
13 ON THE EXTERIOR PACKAGING OF A VIDEO GAME WHEN IT IS SOLD OR
14 RENTED.

15 (B) "VIDEO GAME" MEANS AN OBJECT OR DEVICE THAT STORES
16 RECORDED DATA OR INSTRUCTIONS GENERATED BY A PERSON WHO USES IT,
17 AND BY PROCESSING THE DATA OR INSTRUCTIONS CREATES AN INTERACTIVE
18 GAME CAPABLE OF BEING PLAYED, VIEWED, OR EXPERIENCED ON OR THROUGH
19 A COMPUTER, GAMING SYSTEM, GAME CONSOLE, OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY.

20 (C) "VIDEO GAME RETAILER" MEANS A PERSON THAT SELLS OR RENTS
21 VIDEO GAMES TO THE PUBLIC.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is effective <<December
23 1>>,
2005.