

# HOUSE BILL No. 4703

May 3, 2005, Introduced by Rep. Pearce and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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 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, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A RATING SYSTEM ADOPTED BY  
15 THE ENTERTAINMENT SOFTWARE RATING BOARD OR ANY OTHER VOLUNTARY  
16 ASSOCIATION OF VIDEO GAME RETAILERS OR MANUFACTURERS.

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

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