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HOUSE BILL 1087

Short Title: Display Video Ratings.

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Referred to: Commerce.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICIAL RATING OF THE MOTION PICTURE FROM WHICH A VIDEO IS COPIED SHALL BE DISPLAYED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE VIDEO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 26 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 14-190.21. Display of official rating on video movies.**

(a) As used in this section the terms below have the following definitions:

(1) 'Official rating' means the official rating of a motion picture by the Classification and Rating Administration of the Motion Picture Association of America.

(2) 'Video movie' means a videotape, a video cassette, a video disc, any prerecorded video display or visual depiction, any prerecorded device that can be converted to a visual depiction, or any other reproduction or reconstruction of a motion picture.

(b) It shall be unlawful to sell, rent, loan, or otherwise disseminate or distribute for consideration a video movie unless the official rating of the motion picture from which the video movie is copied is clearly and prominently displayed in boldface type of at least 20 points on the outside of the cassette, case, jacket, and other covering containing the video movie. A video movie shall be clearly and prominently marked as 'not rated' if:

- 1           (1) The motion picture from which the video movie is copied has no  
2           official rating;  
3           (2) The official rating of the motion picture from which the video movie is  
4           copied is not readily available; or  
5           (3) The video movie has been altered so that its content materially differs  
6           from that of the motion picture.  
7           (c) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more  
8           than one hundred dollars (\$100.00)."  
9           Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall apply to  
10          offenses occurring on or after that date.