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HOUSE BILL 1087
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Short Title: Display Video Ratings.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICIAL RATING OF THE MOTION
3 PICTURE FROM WHICH A VIDEO IS COPIED SHALL BE DISPLAYED ON
4 THE OUTSIDE OF THE VIDEO.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 **"§ 14-190.21. Display of official rating on video movies.**

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

10 (1) 'Official rating' means the official rating of a motion picture by the
11 Classification and Rating Administration of the Motion Picture
12 Association of America, Film Advisory Board Inc., or any other
13 official rating organization.

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

18 (b) It shall be unlawful to sell, rent, or otherwise disseminate or distribute for
19 profit a video movie unless the official rating of the motion picture from which the
20 video movie is copied is clearly and prominently displayed in boldface type of at least
21 20 points on the outside of the cassette, case, jacket, and other covering containing the
22 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.