

HR 5990

Video Games Ratings Enforcement Act

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Committee Activity

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3315	Related bill	Jul 23, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Video Games Ratings Enforcement Act - Prohibits shipping or distributing in interstate commerce, selling, or renting a video game the outside packaging of which does not display a label containing an age-based content rating determined by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board (ESRB).

Directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to require all retail establishments that sell video games to display information about the ESRB content rating system.

Prohibits any person from selling or renting video games containing the ESRB content rating of : (1) "adults only" to any person under the age of 18; or (2) "mature" to any person under the age of 17.

Treats violations of such requirements and prohibitions as an unfair or deceptive act or practice subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 per violation.

Actions Timeline

- **May 8, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
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