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HOUSE FILE 2479
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the sale or rental of a video game to a minor,
2 and providing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 728A.1 SALE OR RENTAL OF VIDEO
2 GAMES TO MINORS.

3 1. A person shall not sell or rent a video game to a minor
4 unless the video game is rated early childhood (EC), everyone
5 (E), everyone ten and older (E10+), or teen (T) by the
6 entertainment software ratings board, and the age of the minor
7 is appropriate for purchasing or renting the video game.

8 2. The appropriate age for purchasing or renting a video
9 game is as follows:

10 a. Any minor may purchase or rent a video game rated EC or
11 E.

12 b. Any minor ten years of age or older may purchase or
13 rent a video game rated E10+.

14 c. Any minor thirteen years of age or older may purchase
15 or rent a video game rated T.

16 3. This section does not apply to a minor who has written
17 permission from the minor's parent or guardian on a form
18 distributed by the video game retailer.

19 4. A person who sells or rents a video game in violation
20 of this section commits a simple misdemeanor.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill relates to the sale or rental of a video game to
23 a minor.

24 The bill prohibits a person from selling or renting a video
25 game to a minor unless the video game is rated early childhood
26 (EC), everyone (E), everyone 10 and older (E10+), or teen (T)
27 by the entertainment software ratings board, and the age of
28 the minor is appropriate for purchasing or renting the video
29 game.

30 Under the bill, the appropriate age for purchasing or
31 renting a video game is as follows: Any minor may purchase or
32 rent a video game rated EC or E; any minor 10 years of age or
33 older may purchase or rent a video game rated E10+; and any
34 minor 13 years of age or older may purchase or rent a video
35 game rated T.

1 The bill does not apply to a minor who has written
2 permission from the minor's parent or guardian on a form
3 distributed by the video game retailer.

4 A person who sells or rents a video game to a minor in
5 violation of the bill commits a simple misdemeanor.

6 A simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
7 more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$50 but not more than
8 \$500, or by both.

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