

SENATE BILL No. 340

April 18, 1989, Introduced by Senators GEAKE, MILLER, BINSFELD, POSTHUMUS, FAUST, ARTHURHULTZ, GEO. HART, IRWIN, J. HART, DI NELLO, EHLERS, SHINKLE, GAST, DE GROW, O'BRIEN, CRUCE, POLLACK and ENGLER and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Veterans.

A bill to require the display of motion picture ratings on video movies; and to provide penalties for violation of this act.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Official rating" means the official rating given to a
3 motion picture by the classification and rating administration of
4 the motion picture association of America.

5 (b) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership,
6 or any other legal or commercial entity.

7 (c) "Video movie" means a videotape, video cassette, or
8 video disc reproduction of a motion picture film.

9 Sec. 2. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
10 person shall not sell at retail or rent, or attempt to sell at
11 retail or rent, a video movie unless the official rating of the

1 motion picture is conspicuously displayed on the outside of the
2 cassette, case, jacket, or other covering of the video movie.

3 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to either of the
4 following:

5 (a) A video movie of a motion picture that has not been
6 given an official rating.

7 (b) A video movie of a motion picture that has been altered
8 in any way subsequent to receiving an official rating.

9 (3) A person shall not sell at retail or rent, or attempt to
10 sell at retail or rent, a video movie described in subsection (2)
11 unless the video movie is conspicuously marked "not rated" on the
12 outside of the cassette, case, jacket, or other covering of the
13 video movie.

14 Sec. 3. A person who violates this act is guilty of a mis-
15 demeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 for each
16 violation.