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AN ACT

1 Requiring the display of ratings on video movies.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Definitions.

5 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
6 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
7 context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Official rating." The official rating of a motion picture
9 by the Classification and Rating Administration of the Motion
10 Picture Association of America.

11 "Video movie." A video tape, video cassette or video disc,
12 and a prerecorded video display or visual depiction, a
13 prerecorded device that can be converted to a visual depiction
14 or any other reproduction or reconstruction of a motion picture.

15 Section 2. Display of official rating on video movies.

1 No person shall sell, rent, loan or otherwise disseminate or
2 distribute, for monetary consideration, a video movie, unless
3 the official rating of the motion picture from which the video
4 movie is copied is clearly and prominently displayed in boldface
5 type on the outside of the cassette, case, jacket or other
6 covering containing the video movie. The video movie shall be
7 clearly and prominently marked as "Not Rated" or "NR" if:

8 (1) the motion picture from which the video movie is
9 copied has no official rating;

10 (2) the official rating of the motion picture from which
11 the video movie is copied is not readily available to such
12 persons; or

13 (3) the video movie has been altered so that its content
14 materially differs from the motion picture.

15 Section 3. Designation of department or agency for inspection.

16 Any county, by resolution of its legislative body, or any
17 other municipality by ordinance of its governing body, is hereby
18 authorized to designate a department or agency of such county or
19 municipality, respectively, to inspect video cassettes prior to
20 distribution to insure compliance with the provisions of this
21 act.

22 Section 4. Fund for enforcement.

23 The designated department or agency in section 3 shall
24 establish a fund in which the fines collected under this act
25 shall be deposited for the exclusive purpose of carrying out the
26 enforcement of this act.

27 Section 5. Penalty.

28 Any person who violates section 2 commits a summary offense
29 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not
30 more than \$500 for each violation.

1 Section 6. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 120 days.