

Senate Bill 106

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Hamrick of the 30th, Thompson of the 5th, Rogers of the 21st, Powell of the 23rd and others

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 16-12-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 selling, loaning, or distributing harmful material to minors, so as to define a certain term; to
3 provide that a video game retailer shall display a sign explaining each rating system which
4 appears on a video game offered by such retailer; to provide a penalty; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-12-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling,
9 loaning, or distributing harmful material to minors, is amended by inserting at the end thereof
10 the following:

11 "(f)(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

12 (A) 'Video game' means an object or device that stores recorded data or instructions,
13 receives data or instructions generated by a person who uses it, and, by processing the
14 data or instructions, creates an interactive game capable of being played, viewed, or
15 experienced on or through a computer, gaming system, console, or other technology.

16 (B) 'Video game retailer' means a person who sells or rents video games to the public.

17 (2) Every video game retailer shall post a sign providing information to consumers about
18 any video game rating system which appears on a video game offered by such retailer.
19 The sign shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the portion of the establishment
20 dedicated to the display or advertisement of video games. Each video game retailer shall
21 make available to consumers, upon request, written information explaining each such
22 rating system.

23 (3) A person violating the provisions of this subsection shall be punished with a civil fine
24 in an amount not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$500.00 for each violation. Each
25 day in violation of this subsection shall constitute a separate offense.

1 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a bona fide coin operated
2 amusement machine as such term is defined in Code Section 48-17-1."

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.