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VIOLENT VIDEO GAME SALES

House Bill 5229

Sponsor: Rep. Alma Stallworth

Committee: Consumers

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5229 AS INTRODUCED 12-1-93

The bill would amend the Michigan Penal Code to prohibit someone from selling or distributing video games that he or she knew or had reason to know depicted "graphic violence" (that is, a representation of physical violence showing bloodshed, dismemberment, pain or suffering) to someone he or she knew or had reason to know was a minor. Further, the bill would prohibit someone from allowing someone he or she knew or had reason to know was a minor from viewing a graphically violent video game if the person 1) was the minor's parent, guardian or custodian, 2) was charged with the care or custody of the minor, or 3) had "authority over conduct" on the premises where the minor was present. Someone who violated these provisions would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days imprisonment or a \$500 fine, or both.

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