

CHAPTER 246—S.F.No. 785

An act relating to crime prevention; prohibiting children under the age of 17 from renting or purchasing certain video games; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325I.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[325I.06] RESTRICTED VIDEO GAMES; PROHIBITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "restricted video game" means a video game rated AO or M by the Entertainment Software Rating Board.

Subd. 2. **Prohibited acts; penalty.** A person under the age of 17 may not knowingly rent or purchase a restricted video game. A person who violates this subdivision is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$25.

Subd. 3. **Posted sign required.** A person or entity engaged in the retail business of selling or renting video games from a location or structure with access to the public shall post a sign in a location that is clearly visible to consumers. The sign must display the following language in 30-point font or larger: "A person under the age of 17 is prohibited from renting or purchasing a video game rated AO or M. Violators may be subject to a \$25 penalty."

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2006, and applies to violations committed on or after that date.

Presented to the governor May 22, 2006

Signed by the governor May 31, 2006, 11:14 p.m.