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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 12 of states:

SEC. 12. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

As technology progresses further, more and more recreational activities are being created. Video games in particular, offer a wide range of selection for all kinds of consumer. However, not all video games are meant for children. Many video games present ideas and images that are violent, indecent and corrupt, which may not be properly appreciated by our young consumers.

By strengthening our campaign to properly limit the sale and distribution of video games for mature audience to the people who are old enough to appreciate them, we would be able to safeguard the moral foundation of our society and avoid unnecessary miseducation of our youth.

This bill seeks to establish an age rating system for video games and enjoin the distributors and sellers to operate their video game businesses in accordance with such system.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session.

1 establishments engaged in the sale of video games to display, in a clear and conspicuous
2 location, information about the content rating system. Such rules shall prescribe the information
3 required to be displayed concerning the basic age-based content ratings.

4 SECTION 5. *Penalties.* - Any person who shall violate Section 3 of this Act shall upon
5 conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than One thousand pesos (₱1,000.00) but not more
6 than fifty thousand pesos (₱50,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than two (2) months but not
7 more than one (1) year, or both upon the discretion of the court.

8 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
10 valid and subsisting.

11 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
12 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent
13 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

14 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
15 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,