

Media Coalition, Inc.
Legislative Update, March 12, 2003

State Bill #	<u>Minnesota</u> S.B. 35	<u>Mississippi</u> S.B. 5243
Intro. date	1/13/2003	1/20/2002
Subject	Would bar the dissemination to anyone under 17 of any video game that is rated "AO" or "MA" by either the manufacturer or any rating board commonly used by the industry.	Would expand definition of child pornography to include "adults masquerading as children," "computer generated images" of children and drawing and sketches "portraying" a child engaged in actual sexual activity or in simulated sexual activity that is suggested by less than lascivious display of the genitals sexually explicit conduct of an adult "masquerading" as a minor.
Committee	Commerce and Utilities	Judiciary
Status	Failed to pass out of committee on a 8-2 vote.	Passed Senate as amended. Amended version keeps "masquerading language.
Still active	No	Yes

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State Bill #	<u>Washington</u> H.B. 1009	<u>Washington</u> S.B. 5243
Intro. date	1/13/2003	1/20/2002
Subject	Would bar the dissemination to anyone under 17 of any “violent video game” that is rated “AO” or “MA” by either the manufacturer or any rating board commonly used by the industry.	Would bar dissemination to a minor of material harmful to minors by electronic transmission.
Committee	Juvenile Justice and Family Law	Judiciary
Status	Substitute bill approved by committee 1/30/03. Substitute keeps restrictions to minors access based on violence regardless of rating.	
Still active	Yes	Yes