

**Media Coalition, Inc.  
Legislative Update, April 9, 2003**

State Bill #	<u>Arkansas</u> H.B. 1525	<u>California</u> S.B. 900	<u>Minnesota</u> S.B. 1140
Intro. date	2/13/2003	2/21/2003	3/26/2003
Subject	Would require the display of any material harmful to minors not only to be behind blinders, but, also in a segregated area not accessible by minors.	Would require any business taking orders for material harmful to minors by phone, fax or Internet to verify the customer's age by checking personal identification information against a database of government records. The database would either have to be developed by the merchant or contracted through a direct marketing company.	Would make it a petty misdemeanor for anyone under the age of 17 to possess any video game rated "AO" or "M" by the Entertainment Software Rating Board.
Committee		Public Safety	Crime Prevention and Public Safety
Status	Signed by the governor 3/28. The law goes in to effect 90 days from enactment.	Hearing scheduled for Tuesday 2/8.	
Still active	Yes	Yes	Yes

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State Bill #	<u>Minnesota</u> S.B. 35	<u>Mississippi</u> S.B. 2756
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.	Amended to be constitutionally correct and passed by both houses and sent to the Governor 4/1.
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	1/20/2003
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	Children and Family Services and Corrections	Judiciary
Status	Substitute bill passed by House and sent to Senate. Substitute keeps restrictions on minors access based on violence regardless of rating.	
Still active	Yes	Yes