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Legislative Update, May 14, 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 June 26.	Amended in Committee but no vote taken.	
Still active	Yes	Yes	Yes

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State Bill #	<u>Minnesota</u> S.B. 35	<u>Mississippi</u> S.B. 2756	<u>Oregon</u> S.J.R. 33
Intro. date	1/13/2003	1/20/2003	2/28/2003
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.	Would place on the ballot an amendment to the Oregon constitution to allow legislators to prohibit anyone under 21 from "nudity" or "sexual conduct." Both terms could be defined by the legislature.
Committee	Commerce and Utilities	Judiciary	Rules
Status	Failed to pass out of committee on a 8-2 vote.	An constitutionally correct amended version of bill was signed by governor 4/24.	
Still active	No	Yes	Yes

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State Bill #	<u>Rhode Island</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Washington</u>
	Senate Bills 1051 and 1057	H.B. 1009	S.B. 5243
Intro. date	5/1/2003	1/13/2003	1/20/2003
Subject	Both bills would impose a 1% gross receipts tax on any books sold in Rhode Island.	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	Finance		Judiciary
Status	Committee hearing 5/7.	Passed by House and Senate. Governor Locke is expected to sign the bill.	
Still active	Yes	Yes	Yes