

Introduced by Legislator Mejias

Proposed Local Law No. 16 -2006

A LOCAL LAW to amend the Nassau County Administrative Code, in relation to selling, loaning, or distributing video games in the county of Nassau.

Passed by the Nassau County Legislature on November 13, 2006

Voting: ayes: 19, nays: 0, abstained: 0

Became a law on December 13, 2006 with the approval of the County Executive.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Nassau, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter XXI of Chapter 272 of the Laws of 1939, constituting the Nassau County Administrative Code, is amended to add a new Title D-13, as follows:

§ 21-23.1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature finds that while video game producers and retailers have implemented rating systems to inform buyers of the nature of video game content, such rating systems are not always easily accessible to consumers. This title ensures that anyone buying a video game will have sufficient access information about video game content to be able to make an informed decision about whether any such game is appropriate for that consumer.

§ 21-23.2 Definitions.

“County” means County of Nassau.

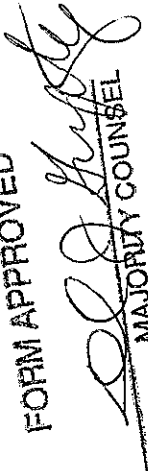
“Video game” means an object or device that stores recorded data or instructions, receives data or instructions generated by a person who uses it, and, by processing the data or instructions, creates an interactive game capable of being played, viewed, or experienced on or through a computer, gaming system, console, or other technology.

“Video game retailer” means a person who sells or rents video games to the public.

§ 21-23.3. Display of rating system information.

Every video game retailer within the county shall post a sign providing information to consumers about any video game rating system which appears on a video game offered by such retailer. Such information shall include, but not be limited to any

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store policy, relevant rating symbols, and content descriptors. The sign shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the portion of the establishment dedicated to the display or advertisement of video games. Each video game retailer shall make available to consumers, upon request, written information explaining each such rating system.

§ 21-23.4. Penalty.

Any person violating the provisions of this title shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$500.00 for each violation, which may be recovered following notice and an opportunity to be heard in a proceeding before the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs. Each day in violation of this subsection shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 2. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

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County Executive