

**RESOLUTION URGING ATTORNEYS GENERAL
TO DEFEND THE PROHIBITION OF OVERLY
VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES TO MINORS**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Scott L Wyatt

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature calls upon the Utah Attorney General to join with Attorneys General in other states in an effort to prohibit the distribution or exhibition of overly violent video games to minors.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► calls upon the Utah Attorney General and all Attorneys General from the various states to actively join in the defense of statutes enacted by other states which are already in litigation and which are designed to prohibit the distribution or exhibition of overly violent video games to minors; and

► calls upon the Utah Attorney General to monitor the ongoing development of these laws throughout the nation, both in courts and in legislative halls, so that Utah's voice may be heard in the fight against overly violent video games.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, there is a growing consensus within the social sciences that exposure to



28 violent media increases aggression;

29 WHEREAS, empirical evidence regarding the negative effects of violent video games
30 is overwhelming;

31 WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association has called for cuts in the level of
32 violence in video games in an attempt to reduce their negative effects; and

33 WHEREAS, despite research and calls for a reduction of the level of violence in video
34 games, the violence in video games sold to minors continues to escalate:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah calls
36 upon the Utah Attorney General and all Attorneys General from the various states to actively
37 join in the defense of statutes enacted by other states which are already in litigation and which
38 are designed to prohibit the distribution or exhibition of overly violent video games to minors.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah calls upon the
40 Utah Attorney General to monitor the ongoing development of these laws throughout the
41 nation, both in courts and in legislative halls, with the end design of having Utah's voice heard
42 in the fight against overly violent video games and their sordid progeny.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Attorneys
44 General of each state in the United States, and to the members of Utah's congressional
45 delegation.

Legislative Review Note
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Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note**H.J.R. 15 - Resolution Urging Attorneys General to Defend the Prohibition of
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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
