

By Mr. Wetherbee of Pepperell, petition of Bruce E. Wetherbee for legislation to regulate the exhibition of previews of coming attractions rated X or R in motion picture theatres currently showing G or GP movies. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT REGULATING THE EXHIBITION OF PREVIEWS OR COMING ATTRACTIONS RATED X OR R IN MOTION PICTURE THEATRES CURRENTLY SHOWING G OR GP MOVIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 *Section 181C. Definitions:—*

2 "Adult motion picture" is defined as any motion picture which is
3 rated under the rating program of the motion picture association of
4 America or anyone using the association standards, whether a
5 member of said association or not;

6 "X" rating is defined as the association rating not permitting
7 individuals under the age of 17 from being admitted to showing of
8 such film;

9 "R" rating is defined as the association rating requiring individu-
0 als under the age of 17 to be accompanied by a parent or adult
1 guardian;

2 No owner of a theatre shall, during any period covered by a
3 ticket for admission to the showing of a motion picture, permit the
4 admission of any person not qualified by age or parental consent to
5 attend under the provisions related to the most limited materials
6 exhibited including all images projected whether part of the feature
7 presentation, or trailer, so called.

8 Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
9 liable in an action for special damages not to exceed the amount of
0 five thousand dollars; and provided, further, that any person who
1 has been found to violate this section by a court of competent
2 jurisdiction shall be assessed the cost of reasonable legal fees
3 actually incurred.

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