

HOUSE No. 5622

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 2, 1987.

The committee on The Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 987) of Barbara E. Gray for legislation to prohibit the distribution of video movies without official ratings, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5622) ought to pass.

For the committee,

THOMAS F. BROWNELL.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF VIDEO MOVIES WITHOUT
OFFICIAL RATINGS.

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

- 1 No person shall sell or rent any video movie or video tape
- 2 produced since 1968 which has received a rating through the
- 3 classification and rating system as established by the Motion
- 4 Picture Association of America unless the rating of the video
- 5 movie or video tape is conspicuously displayed on the outside of
- 6 the cassette, case, jacket, or other covering of the video. Whoever
- 7 violates any provision of this Section shall be punished by a fine
- 8 of not less than 50 dollars nor more than \$200.