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S 87. NO VIOLENT/OBSCENE VIDEO GAMES SALES TO MINOR. Filed 2/7/07. *TO PROHIBIT THE DISSEMINATION OF OBSCENE AND GRAPHICALLY VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES TO MINORS AND TO REQUIRE VIDEO GAME RETAILERS TO INFORM CONSUMERS THAT A VIDEO GAME RATING SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE.* As title indicates. Enacts (1) GS 14-317.2, making it a Class 1 misdemeanor to disseminate to a minor a video game that is harmful to minors, (2) GS 14-317-3, making it a Class 2 misdemeanor for video game retailers and persons who have control, custody, or supervision of video arcades to fail to provide a separate viewing area for video games that are harmful to minors, and (3) GS 14-317.4, making it a Class 3 misdemeanor for video game retailers and persons who have control, custody, or supervision of video arcades to fail to inform the customer that video games ratings are available or to provide the video game rating system upon the customer's request. Amends GS 14-190.13 Definitions for certain offenses concerning minors to include definition for video game and adds new section GS 14-317.1 defining terms relating to offenses concerning video games. Enacts new Article 43 of GS Chapter 66 (Video Games) requiring (1) labeling of graphically violent video games and (2) that explanation of the video game rating system be provided upon request. Violation is an unfair trade practice under GS 75-1.1. Effective for offenses committed on or after December 1, 2007.
Intro. by Boseman. GS 14