

HB 893 -- Excise Tax on Violent Video Games

Sponsor: Franklin

Upon voter approval, this bill authorizes an excise tax of \$1 per violent video game sold, stored, used or consumed in Missouri with a rating from the Entertainment Software Rating Board of Teen, Mature, or Adults Only. The Director of the Department of Revenue will issue stamps to affix to the games to indicate payment of the tax. Tax proceeds will be deposited into the newly created Violent Video Game Excise Tax Fund to be used as follows: 2% to the Department of Revenue for the cost of collection; 48% to the Department of Mental Health for community outreach, identification and prevention of mental health conditions associated with exposure to violent video games, including related research and training for families, school officials, teachers, and staff; and 50% to the Department of Public Safety for the training of school officials, teachers, and staff and law enforcement efforts to combat violent crimes.