

# Legislation to regulate games

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Gamespot is running a story reporting that proposed legislation would make it illegal for retailers in the state to sell or rent violent games to children under 17. Initially that sounds like it might be a good idea, but I can't help but to cringe each time another area of life becomes over-regulated.

"A practicing child psychologist, Yee has argued that violent video games cause greater psychological damage to developing minds than to those of adults. 'The health threat involved with kids playing such games is equivalent to smoking cigarettes,' said Jim Steyer, founder of Common Sense Media, in a statement released by Yee this week. 'We need to stop marketing and sales of these games to protect their future.'"

Read the full story on [gamespot](#) [2].

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