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## VIDEO CLASSIFICATION

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### **An Act to provide for the classification of videotapes and to prohibit the sale of unclassified videotapes to the public**

5 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Video Classification Act 1985.

10 2. **Interpretation**—In this Act—  
“Category classification” means a category classification that is:

- (a) Issued by a classification authority; and
- (b) Of a category approved by the Minister under section 3 (b) of this Act:

15 “Classification authority” means—

- (a) The Video Association of New Zealand Incorporated; and

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(b) Any other person or body approved by the Minister as a classification authority under **section 3 (a)** of this Act:

“Videotape” means any video film or recording that is a material record of visual moving images. 5

**3. Classification authorities and category classifications—**  
The Minister may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, specify—

- (a) Persons or bodies approved by him as classification authorities for the purposes of this Act: 10
- (b) Categories of classification approved by him as suitable to indicate the content of any videotape, or its suitability or otherwise for viewing by any specified class or classes of persons.

**4. Category classification to be issued—**Where a classification authority receives any videotape for the purpose of classification, it shall, within 21 days of such receipt or within such longer period as in all the circumstances is reasonable, issue a category classification in respect of that videotape. 15

**5. Offence—**Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 who knowingly offers or displays for sale or hire to the public, or knowingly causes or allows to be offered or displayed for sale or hire to the public, any videotape which does not have a category classification prominently displayed on— 20

- (a) The videotape canister or other outer wrapping; and
- (b) The video jacket. 25