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**AN ACT** to require businesses which distribute films in the Republic to restrict the access of minors to adult films.

*Commencement:*

*October 10, 1994*

*Source:*

*P.L. 1994-113*

**§701. Short Title.**

This Chapter may be cited as the Adult Film Act of 1994. [P.L. 1994-113, §1.]

**§702. Definitions.**

In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) **“adult film”** means any film with a U.S. rating other than “G” or “PG” (or any variation thereof, e.g., “PG-13”), or any film without a U.S. rating which contains language and/or situations which are unsuitable for general viewing audiences;
- (b) **“distribute”** means to sell, hire out and/or supply and **“distribution”** shall be construed accordingly;
- (c) **“film”** means a cinematograph film and includes a videotape and any record, however made, of a sequence of visual image, which is a record capable of being used as a means of showing that sequence as a moving picture; and also includes any part of any such film and any copy or part of a copy of the whole or any part of a film;

- (d) “**place**” means any building or part thereof, enclosure, ground or open-air space;

**§703. Restricted Access.**

- (1) Every person, firm or other business association which distributes films in any place in the Republic shall restrict the access of minors to adult films by displaying all such films and all promotional advertising therefor only within a well-defined, clearly-marked, restricted area. No minor shall be permitted within the confines of such restricted area unless accompanied by an adult.
- (2) No minor shall be permitted to rent or purchase any adult film in the Republic.
- (3) With respect to the cable television transmission of so-called “movie channels” (e.g., Home Box Office), all adult films shall be preceded by a warning in Marshallese and in English as to the adult content thereof. [P.L. 1994-113, §3.]

**§704. Penalty.**

Any person, firm or business association which contravenes the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of an offense and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to a term of imprisonment for a period not exceeding 1 year, or both. [P.L. 1994-113, §4.]