



HB0043

Age verification for websites with harmful material.

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Lawley, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Connolly, Heiner, Knapp, Larson, JT and Neiman and Senator(s) Brennan, Crago, Hutchings, Jones, Olsen and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to child protection; requiring age verification for visiting websites with material harmful to minors; specifying requirements and exceptions for age verification; specifying remedies, liability and damages; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

12/16/2024 Bill Number Assigned
1/2/2025 H Received for Introduction
1/14/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H01 - Judiciary
1/22/2025 H01 - Judiciary:Recommend Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Brady, Bratten, Chestek, Filer, Kelly, Lien, Singh, Washut, Webb

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/22/2025 H Placed on General File

HB0043HW001/ADOPTED (CORRECTED COPY)

Page 8-lines 18 through 21 Delete entirely and insert:

"(g) No covered platform or information content provider shall be entitled to assert that the outcome of any previous litigation involving other parties, wherever that litigation may have occurred, is a bar to any cause of action authorized by this section.". CHESTEK

1/28/2025 H COW:Passed

HB0043H2001/FAILED

Page 1-line 2 After "websites" insert "and using social media".

Page 1-line 14 Delete "WITH OBSCENE" and insert "AND SOCIAL MEDIA WITH HARMFUL".

Page 3-line 1 After "means" insert ": (A)".

Page 3-line 7 Delete "paragraph" and insert "subparagraph".

Page 3-line 9 Delete "(A)" and insert "(I)".

Page 3-line 10 Delete "paragraph" and insert "subparagraph".

Page 3-line 12 Delete "(B)" and insert "(II)".

Page 3-after line 14 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(B) An online forum that a social media company makes available for an account holder to create a profile, upload posts, view the

posts of other account holders or interact with other account holders or users."

Page 4-line 6 After "means" insert ": (A)".

Page 4-after line 9 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(B) Material available on an online forum that a social media company makes available for an account holder."

Page 11-line 13 Delete "." and insert ";".

Page 11-after line 13 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(v) Apply to a minor account holder's use of a social media's covered platform if the social media company has obtained the express consent of the minor's parent or guardian.". HARSHMAN

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Campbell, E, Harshman, Jarvis, Larsen, Nicholas, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Thayer

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Excused: Representative Riggins

Ayes 9 **Nays** 52 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/29/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed

1/30/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 59-1-2-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Nays: Representative Provenza

Excused: Representative(s) Larson, Riggins

Ayes 59 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/31/2025 S Received for Introduction

2/11/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S01 - Judiciary

2/20/2025 S01 - Judiciary:Recommend Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Crago, Crum, Hicks, Kolb, Olsen

Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/20/2025 S Placed on General File

2/28/2025 S COW:Passed
3/3/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed
3/4/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 28-3-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Case, Gierau, Rothfuss

Ayes 28 **Nays** 3 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

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