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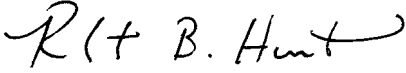
No. 844

H.P. 530

House of Representatives, March 4, 2025

An Act to Regulate Social Media Use by Minors Under 16 Years of Age

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 239**

4 **SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY FOR MINORS**

5 **§1500-Z. Definitions**

6 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms
7 have the following meanings.

8 **1. Account holder.** "Account holder" means a person who has an account or profile
9 to use a social media company's social media platform.

10 **2. Minor.** "Minor" has the same meaning as in Title 18-C, section 5-102, subsection
11 18.

12 **3. Parent.** "Parent" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section 101, subsection 8.

13 **4. Post.** "Post" means content that an account holder makes available on a social media
14 platform for other account holders to consume.

15 **5. Social media company.** "Social media company" means a person that is an
16 interactive computer service and that provides a social media platform.

17 **6. Social media platform.** "Social media platform" means a website or Internet
18 application that:

19 A. Allows a person to create an account; and

20 B. Enables an account holder to communicate with other account holders through
21 posts.

22 **§1500-AA. Use of social media platform; age requirements**

23 **1. Age verification.** A social media company must verify the age of an individual who
24 attempts to become an account holder.

25 **2. Individuals under 14 years of age.** A social media company may not allow an
26 individual who is a minor under 14 years of age to become an account holder or remain an
27 account holder.

28 **3. Individuals who are 14 or 15 years of age.** If an individual is a minor who is 14
29 or 15 years of age, the social media company must verify that express parental consent has
30 been provided pursuant to section 1500-BB for the minor to become an account holder or
31 remain an account holder.

32 **§1500-BB. Parental consent; requirements**

33 **1. Verification of parental consent.** To verify parental consent for an individual who
34 is 14 or 15 years of age to become or remain an account holder, a social media company
35 must require the individual's parent to provide:

36 A. A government-issued identification document; and

