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### **An Act to Prohibit a State Social Media Platform Account from Restricting User Comments**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.  
Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and  
Representatives: ADAMS of Lebanon, EDER of Waterboro, HYMES of Waldo, MILLIKEN  
of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, SMITH of Palermo, WARREN of Scarborough.

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §60** is enacted to read:

**§60. Restricting social media platform user from commenting on state-shared content prohibited**

The account holder or the administrator of a social media platform account of a state, county or municipal department, agency, board or commission or a state, county or municipal official operating in that individual's official capacity may not restrict a user of that social media platform from commenting on content shared by the account holder or the administrator of the social media platform account if the social media platform allows a user to comment on content shared on the platform.

This section may not be construed to prevent a social media platform from adopting or enforcing rules related to the type of content or the removal of certain content shared on that social media platform.

For purposes of this section, "social media platform" means a publicly accessible website or electronic medium that permits a person to become a registered user, establish an account or create a profile for the purpose of allowing users to create, share and view user-generated content.

## SUMMARY

This bill prohibits an account holder or administrator of a social media platform account of a state, county or municipal department, agency, board or commission or a state, county or municipal official operating in that individual's official capacity from restricting a user of that social media platform from commenting on content shared by the holder or the administrator of the social media platform account.