

SENATE BILL NO. 1305

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BECK.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to age verification on dating sites, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 407, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 two new sections, to be known as sections 407.3005 and 407.3007,
3 to read as follows:

**407.3005. For purposes of sections 407.3005 to
2 407.3007, the following terms shall mean:**

3 (1) "Age verification", verifying that a person
4 seeking to access an internet dating service is eighteen
5 years of age or older by requiring the person attempting to
6 access an internet dating service to comply with a
7 commercial age verification system that verifies in any of
8 the following ways:

9 (a) Government-issued identification;

10 (b) Any commercially reasonable method that relies on
11 public or private transactional data to verify that the
12 person attempting to access an internet dating service is at
13 least eighteen years of age or older;

14 (2) "Internet dating service", a person or entity in
15 the business of providing dating, romantic relationship, or
16 matrimonial services principally on or through the internet.

407.3007. 1. An internet dating service shall perform
2 age verification before granting access to an individual to

3 ensure that an individual attempting to access the internet
4 dating service is at least eighteen years of age.

5 2. Any person may report violations of this section to
6 the attorney general. If the attorney general finds that an
7 internet dating service violated provisions of this section,
8 the attorney general shall bring a civil action against the
9 internet dating service in a court of competent jurisdiction.

10 3. If the court finds that an internet dating service
11 violated provisions of this section, the court may grant
12 actual damages, injunctive relief, civil penalties not to
13 exceed five thousand dollars for each day of the violation,
14 attorney fees, and any other relief the court finds
15 appropriate.

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