
DIGEST

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Abstract: ABSTRACT

Proposed law defines "algorithm", "descriptions or depictions of illicit sex or sexual immorality", "hate speech", "Material harmful to minors" or "obscene material", "minor", "political speech", "religious speech", "shadowban", and "social media website".

Proposed law creates a civil action for a social media website user, if the website engages in certain types of censorship.

Proposed law allows a user who prevails in the civil action to be awarded damages and lists the available damages for various types of violations.

Proposed law allows the social media website to mitigate damages by restoring a deletion or removing the censor.

Proposed law does not allow for a defense of "hate speech" for justification of removal or censoring.

Proposed law allows the attorney general to bring a civil action on behalf of a resident.

Proposed law provides that a violation of proposed law constitutes an unfair trade practice and subjects a violator to the penalties provided for in present law.

Proposed law provides a list of exemptions.

Proposed law provides legislative findings.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 51:2041-2043)