

HB 691 -- PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE ACCESS

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This bill defines "Commercial entity", "Distribute", "Material harmful to minors", "News-gathering organization", "Publish", "Reasonable age-verification methods", "Substantial portion", and "Transactional data" as pertaining to the bill.

The bill specifies that any commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally distributes or publishes pornographic material harmful to minors on the Internet must be held liable if the entity fails to perform reasonable age-verification to verify the age of the individual attempting to access the material.

No identifying information from the individual will be retained by the commercial entity after the required age-verification is performed. If such information is retained by the commercial entity, that entity will be liable to the individual for damages.

This bill must not be construed to affect the rights of any news-gathering organizations.

No Internet service provider will be held to have violated the provisions of the bill to the extent the provider is not responsible for the creation of the content that constitutes material harmful to minors.

This bill is similar to HB 2375 (2024).