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H.B. No. 2174

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to civil liability for certain actions that allow children to access pornographic materials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Title 6, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 129B to read as follows:

CHAPTER 129B. LIABILITY FOR ALLOWING CHILDREN TO ACCESS

PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

Sec. 129B.0001. LIABILITY FOR OWNERS OF INTERNET WEBSITES.

A person who owns an Internet website, including a person who owns a social media Internet website, may be held liable for damages if an individual younger than 18 years of age accesses pornographic material on the person's Internet website.

Sec. 129B.0002. LIABILITY FOR PERSONS WHO UPLOAD PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL. A person who posts pornographic material on an Internet website may be held liable for damages if an individual younger than 18 years of age accesses the material on the website.

SECTION 2. Chapter 129B, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.