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S 0610 General Bill, By Garrett, Adams, Corbin and Gambrell

Summary: Social Media Bill of Rights

A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOCIAL MEDIA BILL OF RIGHTS"; TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES, BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-30, TO ESTABLISH EQUAL ACCESS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, RELIGION, OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, TO REQUIRE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TO PROVIDE A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM USER WITH NOTICE WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIMEFRAME WHEN HIS ACCOUNT IS SUSPENDED OR DISABLED, TO PROVIDE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS FOR QUALIFIED POLITICAL CANDIDATES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM IS SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION BY A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM USER IN THIS STATE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE DAMAGES, TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS, TO PROHIBIT A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FROM USING HATE SPEECH AS A DEFENSE, TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BRING AN ACTION ON BEHALF OF A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM USER, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR THE DELETION OR CENSURE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SPEECH, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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