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### **An Act to Regulate Social Media Use by Minors Under 16 Years of Age**

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Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 239**

4 **SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY FOR MINORS**

5 **§1500-Z. Definitions**

6 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms  
7 have the following meanings.

8 **1. Account holder.** "Account holder" means a person who has an account or profile  
9 to use a social media company's social media platform.

10 **2. Minor.** "Minor" has the same meaning as in Title 18-C, section 5-102, subsection  
11 18.

12 **3. Parent.** "Parent" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section 101, subsection 8.

13 **4. Post.** "Post" means content that an account holder makes available on a social media  
14 platform for other account holders to consume.

15 **5. Social media company.** "Social media company" means a person that is an  
16 interactive computer service and that provides a social media platform.

17 **6. Social media platform.** "Social media platform" means a website or Internet  
18 application that:

19 A. Allows a person to create an account; and

20 B. Enables an account holder to communicate with other account holders through  
21 posts.

22 **§1500-AA. Use of social media platform; age requirements**

23 **1. Age verification.** A social media company must verify the age of an individual who  
24 attempts to become an account holder.

25 **2. Individuals under 14 years of age.** A social media company may not allow an  
26 individual who is a minor under 14 years of age to become an account holder or remain an  
27 account holder.

28 **3. Individuals who are 14 or 15 years of age.** If an individual is a minor who is 14  
29 or 15 years of age, the social media company must verify that express parental consent has  
30 been provided pursuant to section 1500-BB for the minor to become an account holder or  
31 remain an account holder.

32 **§1500-BB. Parental consent; requirements**

33 **1. Verification of parental consent.** To verify parental consent for an individual who  
34 is 14 or 15 years of age to become or remain an account holder, a social media company  
35 must require the individual's parent to provide:

36 A. A government-issued identification document; and

