

HB 1161

SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Line 112, introduced, after means

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the remainder of line 112 and all of lines 113 and 114

insert

a public or semipublic Internet-based service or application that has users in the Commonwealth and meets both of the following criteria:

1. A primary function of the service or application is to connect users in order to allow users to interact socially with each other within the service or application. A service or application that provides email or direct messaging services shall not be considered to meet this criterion on the basis of that function alone.

2. The service or application allows a user to (i) construct a public or semipublic profile for purposes of signing into and using the service or application; (ii) populate a public list of other users with whom the user shares a social connection within the system; and (iii) create or post content viewable by other users, including on message boards, in chat rooms, or through a landing page or main feed that presents the user with content generated by other users. A service or application that consists primarily of news, sports, entertainment, ecommerce, or content that is preselected by the provider, or for which any chat, comments, or interactive functionality is incidental to, directly related to, or dependent on the provision of such content, shall not be considered to meet this criterion on the basis of that function alone.