

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
2013 and 2014
SB1614

Introduced 2/13/2013, by Sen. Ira I. Silverstein

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Internet Posting Removal Act. Provides that a web site administrator shall, upon request, remove any posted comments posted by an anonymous poster unless the anonymous poster agrees to attach his or her name to the post and confirms that his or her IP address, legal name, and home address are accurate. Effective 90 days after becoming law.

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A BILL FOR

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1 AN ACT concerning the internet.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Internet Posting Removal Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act, the following

7 words and terms shall have the following meanings:

8 "Anonymous poster" means any individual who posts a message
9 on a web site including social networks, blogs, forums, message
10 boards, or any other discussion site where people can hold
11 conversations in the form of posted messages.

12 "Internet" means the global system of interconnected
13 computer networks that use the Internet Protocol.

14 "Internet Protocol address" or "IP address" means a
15 numerical label assigned to each computer or device
16 participating in a computer network that uses the Internet
17 Protocol for communication.

18 "Web site administrator" means any person or entity that is
19 responsible for maintaining a web site or managing the content
20 or development of information provided on a web site including
21 social networks, blogs, forums, message boards, or any other
22 discussion site where people can hold conversations in the form
23 of posted messages accessible via a network such as the

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1 Internet or a private local area network.

2 Section 10. Anonymous internet poster; right to know. A web
3 site administrator upon request shall remove any comments
4 posted on his or her web site by an anonymous poster unless the
5 anonymous poster agrees to attach his or her name to the post
6 and confirms that his or her IP address, legal name, and home
7 address are accurate. All web site administrators shall have a
8 contact number or e-mail address posted for such removal
9 requests clearly visible in any sections where comments are
10 posted.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect 90 days
12 after becoming law.