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HOUSE BILL **482**

AN ACT requiring social media companies to remove subscriber information at the subscriber's request.

SPONSORS: Rep. McConnell, Ches. 12; Rep. Fraser, Belk. 1; Rep. Oxenham, Sull. 1; Rep. Darrow, Graf. 17; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the operator of a social media website or online service to remove subscriber information at the subscriber's request.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Chapter; Social Media Companies. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 358-S the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 358-T

SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES

358-T:1 Regulation of Social Media; Option to Remove Account.

I. The operator of a social media website or online service shall permit a registered user to close his or her account and remove or, if the operator prefers, to request and obtain removal of, all content or information posted on the registered user's page and/or any other location within the system which identifies or permits future electronic or other contact with that registered user. The operator shall provide clear instructions to all registered users regarding the procedure to close an account and, if the operator requires the registered user to request removal, shall complete or comply with such request within 24 hours.

358-T:2 Remedies.

I. Any violation of the provisions of this chapter is an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the meaning of RSA 358-A:2. Any right, remedy, or power set forth in RSA 358-A, including those set forth in RSA 358-A:4, II, may be used to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

II. The rights, obligations, and remedies provided in this chapter shall be in addition to any other rights, obligations, or remedies provided for by law or in equity.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.