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Bill Analysis

SB 1234 requires any retailer that manufacturers, sells, offers for sale, leases, or distributes an Internet-enabled device to ensure that the product is equipped with an active and operating filter prior to sale that blocks by default applications or websites that display images or videos provided by an adult entertainment establishment. Such retailers must ensure that the filter is working on an ongoing basis and to establish a reporting mechanism such as a website or call center that allows consumers to report unblocked websites or applications displaying content from adult entertainment establishments. Filters must also not block social media websites that provide a means for users to report obscene material or sites that serve primarily as a search engine. Retailers shall remove the filter at the request of a user who can verify that he or she is above the age of 18. Retailers may charge a fee to remove the filter. The measure also directs the Attorney General to prepare and make available to retailers a form that includes all content that must be presented to the consumer in the statement of warning for deactivating the filter. Retailers found to be in violation of the provisions of this measure shall be fined \$1,000.00 for the first offense and \$2,500.00 for each subsequent offense.

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