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Bill Analysis

SB 977 subjects the owner of a social media website to private action by a user if the owner's site deletes the user's political or religious speech or uses an algorithm to suppress such speech. Users shall be entitled to damages of \$75,000.00 per violation, actual damages, and punitive damages if aggravating factors are present. The prevailing party in this case shall also be awarded attorney fees and court cost fees. Additionally, the site may not use the user's hate speech as a basis for justification or defense to the action against the social media website at trial. Social media site shall be exempt from liability in certain circumstances. Only users 18 years of age or older may bring action against the site. The Attorney General is authorized to y bring a civil cause of action on behalf of social media website users.

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