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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --
INDECENT DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES, DUTIES OF CARRIERS, COMMUNITY
STANDARDS OF DECENCY, ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS -- HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AND CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION ACT

Introduced By: Representative David A. Bennett

Date Introduced: January 25, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 6 of the General Laws entitled "COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL
2 REGULATORY PROVISIONS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 58

4 INDECENT DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

5 **6-58-1. Short title.**

6 (a) This chapter shall be known and cited as "Indecent Deceptive Trade Practices."

7 (b) This act shall be known and cited as the "Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation
8 Prevention Act."

9 **6-58-2. Legislative findings.**

10 The legislature finds that:

11 (1) The United States Supreme Court in Ashcroft v. Am. Civil Liberties Union , 542 U.S.
12 656 (2004) found that the legislative branch "may undoubtedly act to encourage the use of filters.
13 It could also take steps to promote their development by industry, and their use by parents," which
14 was the Supreme Court's way of signaling to the legislative branch to pass filter legislation that
15 requires consumers to opt in to having access to obscene materials that are harmful to minors on
16 Internet-enabled devices, since filters are the least restrictive means.

17 (2) The United States Supreme Court found in Ginsberg v. New York, 390 U.S. 629 (1968)

1 that a physical display state statute that required physical brick and mortar stores to put physical
2 obscene material behind a physical blinder rack was constitutional under first amendment
3 heightened scrutiny, which means that a digital blinder rack statute that requires digital retailers to
4 put digital obscene material behind a digital blinder rack is also constitutional on the same legal
5 basis.

6 (3) Because the Supreme Court of the United States in Paris Adult Theatre I v. Slaton, 413
7 US 49 (1973) made it clear that the states have a compelling interest to uphold community standards
8 of decency, a statute requiring a filter deactivation fee regarding websites displaying obscene
9 material and an adult service business admission fee are constitutional for being rationally related
10 to a narrowly tailored compelling state interest.

11 (4) The Texas Supreme Court in Combs v. Texas Entertainment Association, et al., 347
12 S.W.3d 277 (Sup. Ct. Tex. 2011), relying on federal constitutional law, found that a statute that
13 required a five dollar (\$5.00) admission fee to an adult service business that was to be remitted
14 back to the state to enable the state to uphold community standards of decency was constitutional
15 under First Amendment heightened scrutiny, which means that a one-time twenty dollar (\$20.00)
16 filter deactivation fee to enter the digital strip club on Internet-enabled devices is constitutional on
17 the same legal basis, if remitted to the state to be used in the same manner.

18 (5) Live adult entertainment establishments contribute to a culture that tolerates the sexual
19 objectification and exploitation of women, and contribute to the need for community-based services
20 to respond to victims of all forms of sexual exploitation, including sexual harassment, trafficking,
21 and sexual assault.

22 (6) Crime statistics show that the presence of live adult entertainment establishments may
23 result in an increase in prohibited secondary sexual activities, such as prostitution, and other crimes
24 in the surrounding community.

25 **6-58-3. Definitions.**

26 As used in this chapter:

27 (1) "Adult" has the same meaning as in § 11-67.1-2(a)(1).

28 (2) "Cellular telephone" means a communication device containing a unique electronic
29 serial number that is programmed into its computer chip by its manufacturer and whose operation
30 is dependent on the transmission of that electronic serial number along with a mobile identification
31 number, which is assigned by the cellular telephone carrier, in the form of radio signals through
32 cell sites and mobile switching stations.

33 (3) "Child pornography" has the same meaning as in § 11-9-1.3(c)(1) and 18 USC § 2256.

34 (4) "Computer" has the meaning given in 18 USC § 1030.

1 (5) "Consumer" means an individual who purchases or leases for personal, family, or
2 household purposes an Internet-enabled device.

3 (6) "Data communications device" means an electronic device that receives electronic
4 information from one source and transmits or routes it to another, including, but not limited to, any
5 such bridge, router, switch, or gateway.

6 (7) "Filter" means a digital blocking capability, hardware or software that restricts or blocks
7 Internet access to websites, electronic mail, chat, or other Internet-based communications based on
8 category, site, or content, and the term means a digital blinder rack that can be deactivated by a
9 retailer upon the satisfaction of certain nominal conditions.

10 (8) "Human trafficking" means the commission of an offense created by §§ 11-67.1-3 and
11 11-67.1-7.

12 (9) "Internet" has the same meaning given in 31 USC § 5362.

13 (10) "Internet-enabled device" means a cellular telephone, computer, data communications
14 device, or other product manufactured, distributed, or sold in this state that provides Internet access
15 or plays a material role in distributing content on the Internet.

16 (11) "Internet service provider" has the same meaning as in § 39-2-20.1.

17 (12) "Indecent for minors" has the same meaning as in § 11-31-10(b)(1).

18 (13) "Knowingly" has the same meaning as ascribed in § 11-31-1(3).

19 (14) "Live adult entertainment establishment" means a business in which, as the major
20 activity, customers congregate primarily for the purpose of viewing or associating with employees
21 who display anatomical areas designed to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification: human
22 genitals, pubic regions, buttock, and female breast below a point immediately above the top of the
23 areola, even if covered with opaque clothing; all of the above anatomical areas when covered only
24 by transparent or diaphanous clothing.

25 (15) "Minor" has the same meaning as defined in § 11-31-10(a).

26 (16) "Non-government group" means a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income
27 taxation under section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, having as a primary purpose
28 ending sexual violence in this state, for programs for the prevention of sexual violence, outreach
29 programs, and technical assistance to and support of youth and rape crisis centers working to
30 prevent sexual violence. The term also includes individuals and or any group that is doing anything
31 to uphold community standards of decency.

32 (17) "Nude" means nudity as defined in § 11-31-10(b)(3).

33 (18) "Obscene" has the same meaning as defined in § 11-31-1(a) and the term includes
34 websites that:

- 1 (i) Are known to facilitate human trafficking or prostitution; and
2 (ii) Display or depict images that are indecent to minors or that constitute sado-masochistic
3 abuse, sexual conduct, or revenge pornography.

4 (19) "Personal identification information" means any information that identifies a person,
5 including an individual's photograph, social security number, driver identification number, name,
6 email address, address or telephone number.

7 (20) "Prostitution" means the profession of performing sexual acts for money and describes
8 an offense under § 11-34.1-2.

9 (21) "Retailer" means any person who regularly engages in the manufacturing, sale, offer
10 for sale or lease of Internet-enabled device or services in this state that make content accessible on
11 the Internet. The term includes Internet service providers and suppliers and manufacturers of
12 Internet-enabled devices that materially play a role in distributing content on the Internet or that
13 make content accessible that are subject to the jurisdiction of this state.

14 (22) "Revenge pornography" means the distribution of sexually explicit images or video of
15 individuals without their permission.

16 (23) "Sexual conduct" shall have the same meaning as ascribed in § 11-31-1(8)

17 (24) "Social media website" means an Internet website or application that enables users to
18 communicate with each other by posting information, comments, messages, or images and that
19 meets all of the following requirements:

20 (i) Is open to the public;

21 (ii) Has more than seventy-five million (75,000,000) subscribers;

22 (iii) From its inception, has not been specifically affiliated with any one religion or political
23 party; and

24 (iv) Provides a means for the website's users to report obscene materials and has in place
25 procedures for evaluating those reports and removing obscene material.

26 **6-58-4. Continuing duties of retailers of Internet-enabled devices.**

27 (a) A retailer that manufactures, sells, offers for sale, leases, or distributes an Internet-
28 enabled device shall ensure that the product is equipped with an active and operating filter prior to
29 sale that blocks by default websites that:

30 (1) Are known to facilitate human trafficking or prostitution; or

31 (2) Display child pornography, revenge pornography, or obscene material indecent for
32 minors.

33 (b) A retailer that manufactures, sells, offers for sale, leases, or distributes an Internet-
34 enabled device shall:

1 (1) Make reasonable and ongoing efforts to ensure that a product's filter functions properly;
2 (2) Establish a reporting mechanism, such as a website or call center, to allow a consumer
3 to report unblocked websites displaying content described in subsection (a) of this section or to
4 report blocked websites that are not displaying content described in subsection (a) of this section;
5 (3) Report child pornography received through the reporting mechanism to the National
6 Center For Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 2258A;
7 (4) Not block access to websites that:
8 (i) Are social media websites that provide a means for the website's users to report obscene
9 materials and have in place procedures for evaluating those reports and removing obscene material;
10 (ii) Serve primarily as a search engine; or
11 (iii) Display complete movies that meet the qualifications for a "G," "PG," "PG-13," or "R"
12 rating by the Classification and Ratings Administration, as those qualifications existed on
13 September 1, 2020.
14 (c) Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, a retailer may not provide to a
15 consumer, methods, source code, or other operating instructions for deactivating a product's filter.
16 (d) A retailer of an Internet-enabled device shall deactivate the filter after a consumer:
17 (1) Requests that the capability be disabled;
18 (2) Presents personal identification information to verify that the consumer is eighteen (18)
19 years of age or older;
20 (3) Acknowledges receiving a warning regarding the potential danger of deactivating the
21 filter; and
22 (4) Pays a one-time twenty dollar (\$20.00) filter deactivation fee to be remitted quarterly
23 to the division of taxation to be deposited into the Rhode Island human trafficking and child
24 exploitation prevention grant fund established under § 6-58-8(a).
25 (e) The filter deactivation fee in § 6-58-4(a)(4) is not content based but collected and
26 remitted to the division of taxation to help the state bear the costs of upholding community
27 standards of decency and of combating sex-related offenses and is to be used as set forth in § 6-58-
28 8(e). The division of taxation shall prescribe the administration, payment, collection and
29 enforcement of the fee imposed by § 6-58-4(d)(4). The division of taxation may annually adjust the
30 one-time fee to account for inflation.
31 (f) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a retailer of an Internet-enabled
32 device from charging a reasonable separate fee to deactivate the filter, which it may retain for profit.
33 (g) The attorney general shall prepare and make available to retailers a form that includes
34 all content that must be in the warning described in § 6-58-4(d)(3).

1 (h) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require a retailer of an Internet-enabled device
2 to create a database or registry that contains the names or personal identification information of
3 adults who knowingly chose to deactivate a product's filter. A retailer of an Internet-enabled device
4 shall take due care to protect the privacy rights of adult consumers under this section and shall not
5 disclose the names or personal identification information of an adult consumer who decided to
6 deactivate a product's filter.

7 **6-58-5. Civil action - Deceptive trade practice - Affirmative defense.**

8 (a) Pursuant to § 6-58-4(b)(2), if the filter blocks a website that is not displaying content
9 described in § 6-58-4(a) and the block is reported to a call center or reporting mechanism, the
10 website shall be unblocked within a reasonable time, but in no event later than five (5) business
11 days after the block is first reported. A consumer may seek judicial relief to unblock a website that
12 was wrongfully blocked by the filter. The prevailing party in a civil litigation may seek attorney
13 fees, costs, and other forms of relief.

14 (b) Pursuant to § 6-58-4(b)(2), if a retailer of an Internet-enabled device is unresponsive to
15 a report of a website displaying content described in § 6-58-4(a) that has breached the filter, the
16 attorney general or a consumer may file a civil suit. The attorney general or a consumer may seek
17 damages of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each website that was reported but not
18 subsequently blocked. The prevailing party in the civil action may seek attorneys' fees, costs, and
19 other forms of relief.

20 (c) A retailer that fails to comply with a duty described in § 6-58-5(a) or § 6-58-5(b) has
21 engaged in an unfair or deceptive trade practice in violation of § 6-13.1-2 and is subject to the civil
22 remedies under § 6-13.1-5.

23 (d) It shall be an affirmative defense in a civil action to a charge of violating this chapter
24 that the dissemination of the content described in § 6-58-4(a) was limited to institutions or
25 organizations having scientific, educational, or other similar justifications for displaying the
26 material.

27 **6-58-6. Unlawful acts - Penalties.**

28 (a) A retailer of an Internet-enabled device is guilty of an offense if it knowingly:

29 (1) Sells an Internet-enabled device without activated blocking capability that at least
30 makes an attempt to block by default websites that display content described in § 6-58-4(a);

31 (2) Violates § 6-58-4(c);

32 (3) Fails to comply with the requirements of section in § 6-58-4(d) before deactivating a
33 product's filter.

34 (b) A retailer shall be fined no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a first offense

1 and no more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for any subsequent offenses.

2 (c) A retailer that commits an offense with a prior conviction under subsection (a) of this
3 section commits a misdemeanor.

4 (d) A retailer that commits an offense under subsection (a) of this section has engaged in
5 an unfair or deceptive trade practice in violation of § 6-13.1-2 and is subject to the civil remedies
6 under § 6-13.1-5.

7 (e) Only the attorney general can enforce this section.

8 **6-58-7. Exemptions.**

9 (a) This act shall not apply to:

10 (1) An occasional sale of an Internet-enabled device by a person that is not regularly
11 engaged in the trade business of selling Internet-enabled devices;

12 (2) Products produced or sold before enactment; and

13 (3) Independent third-party routers that are not affiliated with an Internet service provider.

14 (b) This act does not apply to a retailer that manufactures, sells, offers for sale, leases, or
15 distributes an Internet-enabled device that is not subject to the jurisdiction of this state.

16 **6-58-8. Rhode Island human trafficking and child exploitation prevention grant fund.**

17 (a) There is established in the general treasury a special fund to be known as the "Rhode
18 Island Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Grant Fund" (the "fund") to be
19 administered by the attorney general or designee.

20 (b) The purpose of the fund is:

21 (1) To promote the development throughout the state of locally-based and supported
22 nonprofit programs for the survivors of sexual-related offenses and to support the quality of
23 services provided;

24 (2) To empower any government and, especially, non-government groups working to
25 uphold community standards of decency, to protect children, to strengthen families, or to develop,
26 expand, or to prevent or offset the costs of sex-related offenses; and

27 (3) Not to promote a culture of perpetual victimhood but to maximize human flourishing
28 and to protect the public's safety, health, and welfare.

29 (c) The purpose can be interpreted broadly to meet the evolving needs of the state.

30 (d) The fund shall consist of:

31 (1) Deactivation fees collected by the department of taxation from retailers of Internet-
32 enabled devices under § 6-58-4(d)(4);

33 (2) Admission fees collected by the department of taxation from live adult entertainment
34 establishments under § 6-58-9(a); and

1 (3) Any other appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, and bequests.

2 (e) Money deposited into the fund may be used only by:

3 (1) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee for grants to government and,
4 especially, non-government entities and individuals that are working to uphold community
5 standards of decency, to protect children, to strengthen families, or to develop, expand, or
6 strengthen programs for victims of human trafficking or child exploitation, including providing
7 grants for:

8 (i) The needs of the council on human trafficking, established by § 11-67.1-19;
9 (ii) The needs of any human trafficking task force or human trafficking coalition based in
10 Rhode Island;

11 (iii) The needs of victim compensation;
12 (iv) Services to help women with substance abuse problems stay clean;
13 (v) Counselors and victim advocates who are trained to assist victims of domestic violence
14 and sexual abuse;

15 (vi) Shelters for women, particularly those who have been exposed to prostitution or sex
16 trafficking;

17 (vii) Research-based organizations;
18 (viii) Faith-based organizations working to uphold community standards of decency and
19 assisting victims of human trafficking or other sex offenses;

20 (xi) Child advocacy centers;
21 (x) Organizations that provide legal advocacy to abused, neglected, and at-risk children;
22 (xi) Physical and mental health services;
23 (xii) Temporary and permanent housing placement.
24 (xiii) Employment, placement, education, training;
25 (xiv) Independent school districts;
26 (xv) Family counseling and therapy;
27 (xvi) Law enforcement;
28 (xvii) Musical, writing, design, cinematic, or pictorial creative art projects that promote
29 decency;

30 (xviii) Regional nonprofit providers of civil legal services to provide legal assistance for
31 sexual assault victims;

32 (xix) Grants to support technology in rape crisis centers;
33 (xx) Sexual violence awareness and prevention campaigns; and
34 (xxi) Scholarships for students demonstrating outstanding character or leadership skills.

1 (xxii) Any other state agency or organization for the purpose of conducting human
2 trafficking enforcement programs or to uphold community standards of decency.

3 (f) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, interest accruing on investments and deposits
4 of the fund shall be credited to the fund shall not revert to the general fund, and shall be carried
5 forward into the subsequent fiscal year.

6 (g) Any balance in the fund remaining unexpected at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert
7 to the general fund but shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year.

8 (h) The attorney general or designee shall evaluate activities conducted under this section
9 each year and, on or before February 15, submit an annual report containing the evaluation to the
10 senate secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives and notify the legislature that the
11 report is available. The report must include:

12 (1) The amount of filter deactivation fees received under § 6-58-4(d)(4);

13 (2) The amount of admission fees received under § 6-58-9(a);

14 (3) The manner in which the funds in the account maintained under subsection (e) of this
15 section were distributed; and

16 (4) The manner in which each entity receiving a grant under subsection (e) of this section
17 used the grant money.

18 (i) The attorney general or designee may by rule:

19 (1) Determine eligibility requirements for any grant awarded under this section;

20 (2) Require a grant recipient to offer minimum services for a period of time before
21 receiving a grant and to continue to offer minimum services during the grant period; and

22 (3) Require a grant recipient to submit financial and programmatic reports.

23 (j) The attorney general or designee will not spend more than ten percent (10%) of the
24 available funds on the administration of the fund.

25 **6-58-9. Live adult entertainment establishment admission fee.**

26 (a) A five dollar (\$5.00) admission fee is imposed for each entry by each customer admitted
27 to a live adult entertainment establishment to be remitted quarterly to the department of taxation
28 and deposited into the Rhode Island human trafficking and child exploitation prevention grant fund
29 established under § 6-58-8(a). The department of taxation shall prescribe the method of
30 administration, payment, collection and enforcement of the fee imposed by this section.

31 (b) The admission fee is not content based but imposed and remitted to the state to offset
32 secondary harmful effects and to help the state uphold community standards of decency and to
33 combat sex-related crimes and is to be used as set forth as ascribed under § 6-58-9(a).

34 (c) The admission fee is in addition to all other taxes imposed on the business that offers

1 [adult entertainment.](#)

2 [\(d\) Each live adult entertainment establishment shall record daily in the manner required](#)
3 [by the department of taxation the number of customers admitted to the business. The business shall](#)
4 [maintain the records for the period required by the department of taxation and make the records](#)
5 [available only for inspection and audit on request by the department of taxation. The records shall](#)
6 [not contain the names or personal information of any of the customers.](#)

7 [\(e\) This section does not require a live adult entertainment establishment to impose a tax](#)
8 [on a customer of the business. A business has the discretion to determine the manner in which the](#)
9 [business derives the money required to pay the tax imposed under this section.](#)

10 SECTION 2. The Legislature recognizes some government and non-government groups in
11 Rhode Island that have been either working to uphold community standards of decency or to
12 combat sex-related offenses that could be prospective beneficiaries of the grant fund under § 6-58-
13 8(a). This includes:

14 (a) Rhode Island Human Trafficking Task Force, Sex Trafficking Law Enforcement Task
15 Force, RI Advocacy for Children, Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County, Day One, Plan
16 USA, Because I am a Girl, Crossroads RI, Sojourner House Inc., Crossroads RI, Rhode Island
17 Coalition for the Homeless, Holy Family Home for Mothers and Children, Advent House Inc.,
18 Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County, Crossroads Family Shelter, House of Hope
19 Community Development Corporation, Community Care Alliance, Women's Resource Center
20 Newport County, Warm Shelter Inc., Children's Shelter-Blackstone, Welcome House of South
21 County, Women's Resource Center, Amos House, Urban League of RI, Crossroads Rhode Island,
22 Providence Rescue Mission; Crossroads RI (Providence); Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless
23 (Pawtucket); Crossroads RI (West Warwick); Crossroads Family Shelter (Seekonk); House of
24 Hope Community Development Corporation (Warwick); Lucy's Hearth (Middletown); Holy
25 Family Home for Mothers and Children (Providence); Community Care Alliance (Woonsocket);
26 Children's Shelter-Blackstone (Pawtucket); Verizon Company Homeless Shelter (Pawtucket);
27 Urban League of RI (Providence); Providence Rescue Mission (Providence); Warm Shelter Inc.
28 (Westerly); Welcome House of South County (Wakefield); Amos House (Providence); Sojourner
29 House Inc. (Providence); East Bay Coalition For Homeless (Riverside); Crossroads Rhode Islands
30 (North Kingstown); Rhode Island Family Shelter (Warwick); Tanner House (Providence);
31 Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center (Central Falls,); McAuley House (Providence); Camp Street
32 Community Ministries (Providence); WARM Center Administration (Westerly); Emmanuel Men
33 Shelter (Providence); Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County (Wakefield); Elizabeth
34 Buffum Chace Center (Warwick); Women's Resource Center Newport County: Office (Newport);

1 The Salvation Army of Pawtucket, RI (Pawtucket); YWCA (Woonsocket); Family Resource
2 Center (Attleboro); Elizabeth Buffum Chace House (Warwick); Harvest Community Church
3 (Woonsocket); Good Neighbors (Riverside); McAuley Village (Providence); Operation Stand
4 Down (Johnston); The Salvation Army of Newport, RI (Newport); St Paul's Church (Pawtucket);
5 Providence In-Town Churches Association (Providence); Women's Resource Center (Warren);
6 McAuley Ministries (Providence); Rhode Island Veterans' Home Community Living Center
7 (Providence); Habitat For Humanity of Rhode Island Greater Providence (Providence); St Joseph's
8 Rectory (Newport); YWCA Greater RI (Central Falls); Habitat for Humanity for Rhode Island
9 South County (Charlestown); Community Care Alliance (Woonsocket); Cumberland Manor
10 (Cumberland); Project Hope (Providence); The Salvation Army of Providence, RI (Providence);
11 North American Family Institute (Warwick); Eastbay Community Action Program (Tiverton);
12 Church Community Housing Corporation (Newport); Catholic social services (Fall River);
13 Rebuilding Together (Providence); North American Family Insurance (Lincoln); Community Care
14 Alliance (Woonsocket); Access Emergency Shelter (Danielson); Galilee Mission (Narragansett);
15 Always Home (Mystic); Pawtucket Central Falls Development (Pawtucket); North American
16 Family Institute (Pawtucket); Community Care Alliance (Woonsocket); North Kingstown Food
17 Pantry (North Kingstown); Blackstone Valley Emergency Food Center (Pawtucket); Housing
18 Network of Rhode Island (Pawtucket); Parents Without Partners (Providence); Corp For
19 Supportive Housing (Providence); Habitat For Humanity-West Bay (Warwick); Operation Stand
20 Down (West Warwick); Joe's Sock Fund For Homeless (Attleboro); Neighborworks (Woonsocket);
21 Council of Churches (Attleboro);

22 (b) Other similar situated groups and individuals.

23 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect for and on behalf of the state of Rhode Island only
24 from and after the passage, approval, ratification, and adoption, by four (4) other states of similar
25 legislation. Within ten (10) days of the date that the four (4) states adopt legislation similar to this
26 one, the attorney general shall advise the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and
27 the president of the senate of the effective date of this act.

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1 This act would mandate a retailer that manufactures, sells, offers for sale, leases, or
2 distributes an Internet-enabled device to ensure that the product is equipped with an active and
3 operating filter prior to sale that blocks websites that that facilitate prostitution, human trafficking,
4 or display child pornography, revenge pornography, or obscene material indecent for minors.

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