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**Committee Bill No. 5866**

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET DATING SAFETY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Internet dating service" means a person or entity that, for profit,  
4 offers, promotes or provides access to dating, relationship,  
5 compatibility, matrimonial or social referral services on or through the  
6 Internet;

7 (2) "Internet service provider" means any person or entity that  
8 provides any other person or entity in this state with the ability to  
9 connect to the Internet through equipment that is located in this state;

10 (3) "Member" means a customer, client or participant who submits  
11 to an Internet dating service information required to access the service  
12 for the purpose of engaging in dating, relationship, compatibility,  
13 matrimonial or social referral; and

14 (4) "Connecticut member" means a member who provides a

15 Connecticut billing address or zip code when registering with an  
16 Internet dating service.

17 (b) An Internet dating service offering services to Connecticut  
18 members shall provide to such members a safety awareness  
19 notification that includes a list and description of safety measures  
20 reasonably designed to increase awareness of safer dating practices in  
21 a clear and conspicuous manner. Such notification shall include, but  
22 not be limited to, the following statements or substantially similar  
23 statements: (1) "There is no substitute for acting with caution when  
24 communicating with any stranger who wants to meet you."; (2) "Never  
25 include your last name, electronic mail address, home address,  
26 telephone number, place of work or any other identifying information  
27 in your Internet profile or initial electronic mail messages. Stop  
28 communicating with anyone who pressures you for personal or  
29 financial information or attempts in any way to trick you into  
30 revealing it."; and (3) "If you choose to have a face-to-face meeting with  
31 another member, always tell someone in your family or a friend where  
32 you are going and when you will return. Never agree to be picked up  
33 at your home. Always provide your own transportation to and from  
34 your date and meet in a public place with many people around.". Such  
35 notification shall be given at the time a Connecticut member registers  
36 with the service and by way of a link on the main web site, or the first  
37 entry point, of the Internet dating service.

38 (c) A violation of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall  
39 be deemed an unfair trade or deceptive practice under subsection (a)  
40 of section 42-110b of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**  
To protect users of Internet dating sites.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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