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Abstract: Creates the crime of unlawful distribution of material harmful to minors through the Internet and provides criminal penalties including a fine of up to \$10,000.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the crime of unlawful distribution of material harmful to minors through the Internet, providing that any person or entity in La. that publishes material harmful to minors on the Internet shall, prior to permitting access to such material, require any person attempting to access such material to acknowledge that the person is 18 years of age or older.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if the person seeking to access such material is under the age of 18 and falsely acknowledges that he is 18 years of age or older, the person or entity in La. that publishes material harmful to minors on the Internet and who complies with the requirements set forth in <u>proposed law</u> shall not be held liable for this offense.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for definitions of "descriptions or depictions of illicit sex or sexual immorality" and "material harmful to minors".

Provides that whoever violates the provisions of proposed law shall be fined up to \$10,000.

(Adds R.S. 14:91.14)