

HR 4059

Online Age Verification and Child Safety Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet. (Nov 7, 2009)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 7, 2009
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 7, 2009
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 6, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Online Age Verification and Child Safety Act - Makes it unlawful for an operator of a pornographic website to display any pornographic material without first verifying that any user is at least 18 years old.

Makes it unlawful for an operator of a website to carry out any financial transaction involving any product or service whose sale or access to persons under a legally specified age is prohibited by federal or state law without first verifying that any user meets the age requirement.

Imposes criminal penalties.

Requires any Internet payment service provider or business performing financial transactions relating to pornographic material or to age-restricted products or services only process age-verified transactions. Establishes safe harbors.

Requires: (1) violations to be treated as violations of a rule regarding unfair or deceptive acts or practices; and (2) the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to enforce this title.

Prohibits construing this Act as providing a private right of action, including a class action.

Prohibits any financial institution from processing a financial transaction denominated in or otherwise involving an electronic currency not backed by the full faith and credit of a United Nations (UN) member state.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 7, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Nov 7, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Referred to House Financial Services
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce