

A Bill to Require a Surgeon General’s Warning on Social Media Platforms to Protect the Health of Americans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for any company to publish, operate, host, or
3 advertise any social media platform which fails to regularly bear, in
4 accordance with the requirements of this section, one of the following
5 labels:

- 6 a. SURGEON GENERAL’S WARNING: Social media use may cause
7 depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem in children.
- 8 b. WARNING: Social media is addictive.
- 9 c. WARNING: Social media use may expose children to hate-
10 based and violent content.
- 11 d. WARNING: Social media use may cause sleep difficulties and
12 depression in children.

13 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall apply:

- 14 **A.** “Social media platform” shall be defined in accordance with 42 U.S.
15 Code § 1862w(a)(2) as “a website or internet medium that— (A)
16 permits a person to become a registered user, establish an account,
17 or create a profile for the purpose of allowing users to create, share,
18 and view user-generated content through such an account or profile;
19 (B) enables 1 or more users to generate content that can be viewed
20 by other users of the medium.”
- 21 **B.** “Regularly bear” shall be defined as appearing before the user for not
22 less than five (5) seconds with not more than thirty (30) minutes
23 between labels.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall enforce these sections
25 through appropriate rulemaking in accordance with 5 U.S. Code § 553.

26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
27 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience.