



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 5866**

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

11 (3) "Connecticut member" means a member who provides a  
12 Connecticut billing address or zip code when registering with an  
13 Internet dating service.

14 (b) An Internet dating service offering services to Connecticut  
15 members shall provide to such members a safety awareness  
16 notification that includes a list and description of safety measures  
17 reasonably designed to increase awareness of safer dating practices in  
18 a clear and conspicuous manner. Such notification shall include, but  
19 not be limited to, the following statements or substantially similar

20 statements: (1) "There is no substitute for acting with caution when  
 21 communicating with any stranger who wants to meet you."; (2) "Never  
 22 include your last name, electronic mail address, home address,  
 23 telephone number, place of work or any other identifying information  
 24 in your Internet profile or initial electronic mail messages. Stop  
 25 communicating with anyone who pressures you for personal or  
 26 financial information or attempts in any way to trick you into  
 27 revealing it."; and (3) "If you choose to have a face-to-face meeting with  
 28 another member, always tell someone in your family or a friend where  
 29 you are going and when you will return. Never agree to be picked up  
 30 at your home. Always provide your own transportation to and from  
 31 your date and meet in a public place with many people around.". Such  
 32 notification shall be given at the time a Connecticut member registers  
 33 with the service and by way of a link on the main web site, or the first  
 34 entry point, of the Internet dating service.

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

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

**GL**            *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

**JUD**           *Joint Favorable*