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Proposed Bill No. 430

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
SEN. LESSER, 9th Dist.

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY
AUTHORITY TO STUDY SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Public Utilities
- 2 Regulatory Authority, in consultation with the Office of Consumer
- 3 Counsel, to study social media platforms used by residents of the state
- 4 and report the findings to the joint standing committee of the General
- 5 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
- 6 technology. Such study shall include (1) a review of the state of
- 7 competition among any such social media platforms, (2) a review of
- 8 how such social media platforms treat advertisements for elections and
- 9 candidates for public office, and (3) recommendations regarding the
- 10 feasibility of regulating social media platforms.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, in consultation with the Office of Consumer Counsel, to study social media platforms.