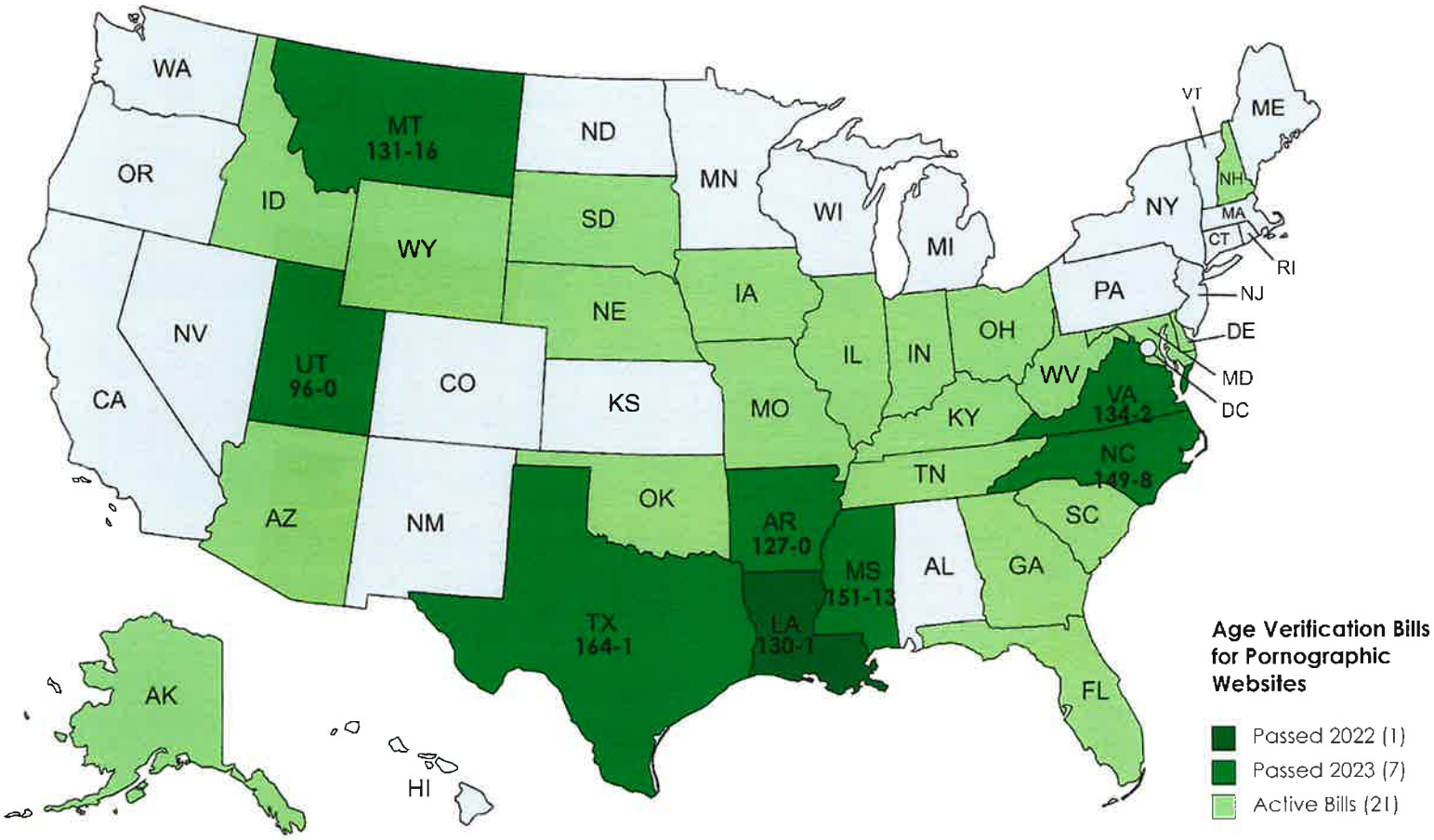
Age Verification Bills for Pornographic Websites

H498 puts the responsibility where it belongs: Content Creators/Publishers.



Serious Problem: Kids are Exposed to Pornography[1]

- 73% of teens (13 to 17) have watched pornography online
- 58% of teens surveyed had stumbled upon it accidentally
- The average age of first exposure was **12**

Effective Solution: Content-Based Third-Party Age Verification

- Cross-platform: Protects kids no matter how they access the internet
- After Louisiana's law passed, traffic dropped between 80% and 95%[2]
- Websites chose to leave Utah, Montana, Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia
- Bipartisan support in most states

Legally Defensible: Laws Currently in Effect

- Texas: 5th Circuit vacated district court injunction
- Louisiana and Utah: Lawsuits dismissed in district court

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[1] https://www.commonsensemedia.org/research/teens-and-pornography
[2] Mike Stabile, adult industry spokesman

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