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Bill Analysis

SB 564 holds any person that uses telecommunication or other electronic communication methods to deliver lewd or lascivious comments, intimidating remarks or harassing threats, calls or communications with the sole intent to annoy or harass, permits such actions, or conspiracy to commit such actions liable for online harassment and liable for any damages sustained by the person or persons injured as a result. The measure authorizes plaintiffs to request injunctive relief to prevent any further intimidation, harassment, threat, or abuse by means of a telecommunication or other electronic communication device. Actual damages are limited to funds spent related to counseling or libel while punitive damages of not less than \$500.00 may be awarded to the injured party or parties. The prevailing party shall be awarded court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

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