



General Assembly

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CIVIL ACTION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR VICTIMS OF UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF A SYNTHETICALLY CREATED INTIMATE IMAGE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Any person harmed by
2 the unlawful dissemination of a synthetically created intimate image
3 may bring a civil action in the Superior Court to enjoin further
4 dissemination of such image and for economic and noneconomic
5 damages, including damages for emotional distress and punitive
6 damages, that are determined to have been proximately caused by
7 reason of such dissemination. The court may award costs and
8 reasonable attorneys' fees to the prevailing party. Such civil action may
9 be maintained against such person who knowingly disseminates by
10 electronic or other means a synthetically created intimate image with
11 the intent to harm such other person.

12 (b) At the request of the person initiating an action brought pursuant
13 to this section, the court may, in its discretion, conduct all legal
14 proceedings in such a way as to protect the identity of the person
15 initiating the action.

16 (c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit any

17 person's right to pursue any additional civil remedy otherwise allowed
18 by law.

19 (d) A civil action under this section shall not be commenced by any
20 person harmed by the unlawful dissemination of any synthetically
21 created intimate image but within two years from the date of the
22 discovery of unlawful dissemination of the synthetically created
23 intimate image by such person.

24 (e) For the purposes of this section:

25 (1) "Disseminate" means to sell, give, provide, lend, trade, mail,
26 deliver, transfer, publish, distribute, circulate, present, exhibit, advertise
27 or otherwise offer;

28 (2) "Harm" includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to hatred,
29 contempt, ridicule, physical injury, financial injury, psychological harm
30 or serious emotional distress;

31 (3) "Intimate image" means any image when such image is of (A) the
32 genitals, pubic area or buttocks of another person with less than fully
33 opaque covering of such body part, or the breast of another person who
34 is female with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion of such
35 breast below the top of the nipple, or (B) another person engaged in
36 sexual intercourse or sexually explicit conduct, as those terms are
37 defined in section 53a-193 of the general statutes;

38 (4) "Synthetically created image" means any photograph, film,
39 videotape or other image of a person that (A) is (i) not wholly recorded
40 by a camera, or (ii) either partially or wholly generated by a computer
41 system, and (B) depicts, and is virtually indistinguishable from what a
42 reasonable person would believe is the actual depiction of, an
43 identifiable person; and

44 (5) "Synthetically created intimate image" means an intimate image
45 that is a synthetically created image.

46 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) A covered platform, as

47 described in 47 USC 223a, shall establish and maintain a process
48 whereby an individual harmed as described in section 1 of this act or the
49 Attorney General may notify the covered platform of a synthetically
50 created intimate image unlawfully disseminated and may request that
51 such synthetically created intimate image be removed. Such process
52 shall include, in writing, (1) (A) a valid signature of the individual
53 harmed or of an authorized person acting on behalf of such individual,
54 or (B) a duly authorized agent or designee of the Attorney General, (2)
55 information reasonably sufficient for the covered platform to locate the
56 synthetically created intimate image in question, including any digital
57 evidence and, if applicable, any particular uniform resource locator, (3)
58 a brief statement that the synthetically created intimate image was
59 published without consent or is otherwise in violation of law, and (4)
60 where the request was submitted by the individual harmed as described
61 in section 1 of this act or an authorized person acting on behalf of such
62 individual, information sufficient to enable the covered platform to
63 contact such individual or such authorized person acting on behalf of
64 such individual.

65 (b) A covered platform shall provide on the platform a clear and
66 conspicuous notice, which may be provided through a clear and
67 conspicuous link to another web page or disclosure of the process
68 established in subsection (a) of this section that (1) is easy to read and in
69 plain language, and (2) provides information regarding the
70 responsibilities of the covered platform under this section, including a
71 description of how an individual can submit a notice and request for
72 removal of a synthetically created intimate image.

73 (c) Upon receiving a valid removal request pursuant to subsection (a)
74 of this section, a covered platform shall, as soon as possible, but not later
75 than forty-eight hours after receiving such request, (1) remove the
76 synthetically created intimate image, and (2) make reasonable efforts to
77 identify and remove copies of such synthetically created intimate image.

78 (d) A covered platform, acting in good faith in accordance with this
79 section, shall not be liable for any claim based on the covered platform's

80 disabling of access to, or removal of, any synthetically created intimate
81 image.

82 (e) Upon petition to the Superior Court by the Attorney General, a
83 covered platform that violates the provisions of this section may be
84 subject to civil penalties of up to twenty-five thousand dollars per day
85 for an individual harmed as described in section 1 of this act.

86 (f) The Attorney General may combine such action with any other
87 action within the Attorney General's power to maintain, including an
88 action under chapter 735a of the general statutes.

89 (g) Nothing in this section shall limit the right of an individual
90 adversely affected by violations of the law from bringing a private cause
91 of action under section 1 of this act or any other law that may entitle
92 such person to relief.

93 (h) As used in this section, "synthetically created intimate image" has
94 the same meaning as provided in section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), the first sentence was rewritten for clarity; and in Section 2(a), "covered platform, as such term is defined in 47 USC 223a," was changed to "covered platform, as described in 47 USC 223a," for accuracy.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*