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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."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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

12 electronic or other means a synthetically created intimate image with
13 the intent to harm such other individual.

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

18 (c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit any
19 individual's right to pursue any additional civil remedy otherwise
20 allowed by law.

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

26 (e) For the purposes of this section, (1) "disseminate", "harm" and
27 "synthetically created image" have the same meanings as provided in
28 section 53a-189d of the general statutes, (2) "intimate image" means any
29 image when such image is of (A) the genitals, pubic area or buttocks of
30 another individual with less than fully opaque covering of such body
31 part, or the breast of another individual who is female with less than a
32 fully opaque covering of any portion of such breast below the top of the
33 nipple, or (B) another individual engaged in sexual intercourse or
34 sexually explicit conduct, as those terms are defined in section 53a-193
35 of the general statutes, and (3) "synthetically created intimate image"
36 means an intimate image that is a synthetically created image.

37 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) A covered platform, as
38 described in 47 USC 223a, shall establish and maintain a process
39 whereby an individual harmed as described in section 1 of this act or the
40 Attorney General may notify the covered platform of a synthetically
41 created intimate image unlawfully disseminated and may request that
42 such synthetically created intimate image be removed. Such process

43 shall include, in writing, (1) (A) a valid signature of the individual
44 harmed or of an authorized person acting on behalf of such individual,
45 or (B) a duly authorized agent or designee of the Attorney General, (2)
46 information reasonably sufficient for the covered platform to locate the
47 synthetically created intimate image in question, including any digital
48 evidence and, if applicable, any particular uniform resource locator, (3)
49 a brief statement that the synthetically created intimate image was
50 published without consent or is otherwise in violation of law, and (4)
51 where the request was submitted by the individual harmed as described
52 in section 1 of this act or an authorized person acting on behalf of such
53 individual, information sufficient to enable the covered platform to
54 contact such individual or such authorized person acting on behalf of
55 such individual.

56 (b) A covered platform shall provide on the platform a clear and
57 conspicuous notice, which may be provided through a clear and
58 conspicuous link to another web page or disclosure of the process
59 established in subsection (a) of this section that (1) is easy to read and in
60 plain language, and (2) provides information regarding the
61 responsibilities of the covered platform under this section, including a
62 description of how an individual can submit a notice and request for
63 removal of a synthetically created intimate image.

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

69 (d) A covered platform, acting in good faith in accordance with this
70 section, shall not be liable for any claim based on the covered platform's
71 disabling of access to, or removal of, any synthetically created intimate
72 image.

73 (e) Upon petition to the Superior Court by the Attorney General, a
74 covered platform that violates the provisions of this section may be

75 subject to civil penalties of up to twenty-five thousand dollars per day
76 for an individual harmed as described in section 1 of this act.

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

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

84 (h) As used in this section, "synthetically created intimate image" has
85 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