

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation makes it a misdemeanor to disclose explicit synthetic media with the intent to annoy, terrify, threaten, intimidate, harass, offend, humiliate, or degrade. It also makes it a misdemeanor to threaten to disclose explicit synthetic media for the purpose of obtaining a thing of value. A second offense committed within five years of a first offense is a felony. The purpose of this legislation is to address the recent rise in malicious actors using AI technology to create "deep fakes" of victims for the purpose of harassment or sexual extortion.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will have no discernible impact on the state general fund, any other state fund, or local funds. The additional costs for law enforcement agencies, the courts, and local jails to handle this new misdemeanor crime will be negligible.

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