

## General Assembly

## Substitute Bill No. 1356

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## AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY, ONLINE MONITORING, SOCIAL MEDIA, DATA BROKERS AND CONNECTED VEHICLE SERVICES.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 42-515 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 3 As used in this section and sections 42-516 to 42-526, inclusive, as
- 4 <u>amended by this act</u>, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 5 (1) "Abortion" means terminating a pregnancy for any purpose other
- 6 than producing a live birth.
- 7 (2) "Affiliate" means a legal entity that shares common branding with
- 8 another legal entity or controls, is controlled by or is under common
- 9 control with another legal entity. For the purposes of this subdivision,
- 10 "control" and "controlled" mean (A) ownership of, or the power to vote,
- 11 more than fifty per cent of the outstanding shares of any class of voting
- 12 security of a company, (B) control in any manner over the election of a
- 13 majority of the directors or of individuals exercising similar functions,
- or (C) the power to exercise controlling influence over the management
- of a company.
- 16 (3) "Authenticate" means to use reasonable means to determine that

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a request to exercise any of the rights afforded under subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 42-518, as amended by this act, is being made by, or on behalf of, the consumer who is entitled to exercise such consumer rights with respect to the personal data at issue.

- (4) "Biometric data" means data generated by automatic measurements of an individual's biological characteristics, such as a fingerprint, a voiceprint, eye retinas, irises or other unique biological patterns or characteristics that [are used to identify] <u>can be associated with a specific individual.</u> "Biometric data" does not include (A) a digital or physical photograph, (B) an audio or video recording, or (C) any data generated from a digital or physical photograph, or an audio or video recording, unless such data [is] <u>are</u> generated to identify a specific individual.
- 30 (5) "Business associate" has the same meaning as provided in HIPAA.
- 31 (6) "Child" has the same meaning as provided in COPPA.
  - (7) "Consent" means a clear affirmative act signifying a consumer's freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous agreement to allow the processing of personal data relating to the consumer. "Consent" may include a written statement, including by electronic means, or any other unambiguous affirmative action. "Consent" does not include (A) acceptance of general or broad terms of use or a similar document that contains descriptions of personal data processing along with other, unrelated information, (B) hovering over, muting, pausing or closing a given piece of content, or (C) agreement obtained through the use of dark patterns.
  - (8) "Consumer" means an individual who is a resident of this state. "Consumer" does not include an individual acting in a commercial or employment context or as an employee, owner, director, officer or contractor of a company, partnership, sole proprietorship, nonprofit or government agency whose communications or transactions with the controller occur solely within the context of that individual's role with the company, partnership, sole proprietorship, nonprofit or government

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- 50 (9) "Consumer health data" means any personal data that a controller 51 uses to identify a consumer's physical or mental health condition, [or] 52 diagnosis or status, and includes, but is not limited to, gender-affirming 53 health data and reproductive or sexual health data.
  - (10) "Consumer health data controller" means any controller that, alone or jointly with others, determines the purpose and means of processing consumer health data.
- 57 (11) "Controller" means a person who, alone or jointly with others, 58 determines the purpose and means of processing personal data.
- (12) "COPPA" means the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 15 USC 6501 et seq., and the regulations, rules, guidance and exemptions adopted pursuant to said act, as said act and such regulations, rules, guidance and exemptions may be amended from time to time.
  - (13) "Covered entity" has the same meaning as provided in HIPAA.
    - (14) "Dark pattern" means a user interface designed or manipulated with the substantial effect of subverting or impairing user autonomy, decision-making or choice, and includes, but is not limited to, any practice the Federal Trade Commission refers to as a "dark pattern".
    - (15) "Decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning the consumer" means decisions made by the controller that result in the provision or denial by the controller of financial or lending services, housing, insurance, education enrollment or opportunity, criminal justice, employment opportunities, health care services or access to essential goods or services.
    - (16) "De-identified data" means data that cannot reasonably be used to infer information about, or otherwise be linked to, an identified or identifiable individual, or a device linked to such individual, if the controller that possesses such data (A) takes reasonable measures to

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- 79 ensure that such data cannot be associated with an individual, (B)
- 80 publicly commits to process such data only in a de-identified fashion
- and not attempt to re-identify such data, and (C) contractually obligates
- 82 any recipients of such data to satisfy the criteria set forth in
- 83 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision.
- 84 (17) "Gender-affirming health care services" has the same meaning as 85 provided in section 52-571n.
- 86 (18) "Gender-affirming health data" means any personal data
- 87 concerning an effort made by a consumer to seek, or a consumer's
- 88 receipt of, gender-affirming health care services.
- 89 (19) "Geofence" means any technology that uses global positioning
- 90 coordinates, cell tower connectivity, cellular data, radio frequency
- 91 identification, wireless fidelity technology data or any other form of
- 92 location detection, or any combination of such coordinates, connectivity,
- 93 data, identification or other form of location detection, to establish a
- 94 virtual boundary.
- 95 (20) "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and
- 96 Accountability Act of 1996, 42 USC 1320d et seq., as amended from time
- 97 to time.
- 98 (21) "Identified or identifiable individual" means an individual who
- 99 can be readily identified, directly or indirectly.
- 100 (22) "Institution of higher education" means any individual who, or
- school, board, association, limited liability company or corporation that,
- is licensed or accredited to offer one or more programs of higher
- learning leading to one or more degrees.
- 104 (23) "Mental health facility" means any health care facility in which at
- least seventy per cent of the health care services provided in such facility
- are mental health services.
- 107 (24) "Neural data" means any information that is generated by
- measuring the activity of an individual's central or peripheral nervous

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- 109 system.
- [(24)] (25) "Nonprofit organization" means any organization that is
- exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6) or
- 112 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
- 113 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended
- from time to time.
- [(25)] (26) "Person" means an individual, association, company,
- limited liability company, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship,
- 117 trust or other legal entity.
- [(26)] (27) "Personal data" means any information that is linked or
- reasonably linkable to an identified or identifiable individual. "Personal
- 120 data" does not include de-identified data or publicly available
- 121 information.
- [(27)] (28) "Precise geolocation data" means information derived from
- technology, including, but not limited to, global positioning system
- 124 level latitude and longitude coordinates or other mechanisms, that
- directly identifies the specific location of an individual with precision
- and accuracy within a radius of one thousand seven hundred fifty feet.
- 127 "Precise geolocation data" does not include the content of
- 128 communications or any data generated by or connected to advanced
- 129 utility metering infrastructure systems or equipment for use by a utility.
- [(28)] (29) "Process" and "processing" mean any operation or set of
- operations performed, whether by manual or automated means, on
- personal data or on sets of personal data, such as the collection, use,
- storage, disclosure, analysis, deletion or modification of personal data.
- [(29)] (30) "Processor" means a person who processes personal data
- on behalf of a controller.
- [(30)] (31) "Profiling" means any form of automated processing
- performed on personal data to evaluate, analyze or predict personal
- aspects related to an identified or identifiable individual's economic

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- situation, health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, behavior, location or movements.
- [(31)] (32) "Protected health information" has the same meaning as provided in HIPAA.
- [(32)] (33) "Pseudonymous data" means personal data that cannot be attributed to a specific individual without the use of additional information, provided such additional information is kept separately and is subject to appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure that the personal data [is] are not attributed to an identified or identifiable individual.

- [(33)] (34) "Publicly available information" means information that (A) is lawfully made available through federal, state or municipal government records or widely distributed media, [and] or (B) a controller has a reasonable basis to believe a consumer has lawfully made available to the general public. "Publicly available information" does not include any (i) information that is collated and combined to create a consumer profile that is made available to a user of a publicly available Internet web site either in exchange for payment or free of charge, (ii) information that is made available for sale, or (iii) inference that is generated from the information described in subparagraph (B)(i) or (B)(ii) of this subdivision.
- [(34)] (35) "Reproductive or sexual health care" means any health care-related services or products rendered or provided concerning a consumer's reproductive system or sexual well-being, including, but not limited to, any such service or product rendered or provided concerning (A) an individual health condition, status, disease, diagnosis, diagnostic test or treatment, (B) a social, psychological, behavioral or medical intervention, (C) a surgery or procedure, including, but not limited to, an abortion, (D) a use or purchase of a medication, including, but not limited to, a medication used or purchased for the purposes of an abortion, (E) a bodily function, vital sign or symptom, (F) a measurement of a bodily function, vital sign or symptom, or (G) an

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abortion, including, but not limited to, medical or nonmedical services, products, diagnostics, counseling or follow-up services for an abortion.

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[(35)] (36) "Reproductive or sexual health data" means any personal data concerning an effort made by a consumer to seek, or a consumer's receipt of, reproductive or sexual health care.

[(36)] (37) "Reproductive or sexual health facility" means any health care facility in which at least seventy per cent of the health care-related services or products rendered or provided in such facility are reproductive or sexual health care.

[(37)] (38) "Sale of personal data" means the exchange of personal data for monetary or other valuable consideration by the controller to a third party. "Sale of personal data" does not include (A) the disclosure of personal data to a processor that processes the personal data on behalf of the controller, (B) the disclosure of personal data to a third party for purposes of providing a product or service requested by the consumer, (C) the disclosure or transfer of personal data to an affiliate of the controller, (D) the disclosure of personal data where the consumer directs the controller to disclose the personal data or intentionally uses the controller to interact with a third party, (E) the disclosure of personal data that the consumer (i) intentionally made available to the general public via a channel of mass media, and (ii) did not restrict to a specific audience, or (F) the disclosure or transfer of personal data to a third party as an asset that is part of a merger, acquisition, bankruptcy or other transaction, or a proposed merger, acquisition, bankruptcy or other transaction, in which the third party assumes control of all or part of the controller's assets.

[(38)] (39) "Sensitive data" means personal data that includes (A) data revealing (i) racial or ethnic origin, (ii) religious beliefs, (iii) a mental or physical health condition, [or] diagnosis, disability or treatment, (iv) sex life, sexual orientation or status as nonbinary or transgender, or (v) citizenship or immigration status, (B) consumer health data, (C) [the processing of] genetic or biometric data [for the purpose of uniquely

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203 identifying an individual] or information derived therefrom, (D) 204 personal data collected from [a known] an individual the controller has 205 actual knowledge, or knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective 206 circumstances, is a child, (E) data concerning an individual's status as a 207 victim of crime, as defined in section 1-1k, [or] (F) precise geolocation 208 data, (G) neural data, (H) financial information that reveals a consumer's 209 financial account number, financial account log-in information or credit 210 card or debit card number that, in combination with any required access 211 or security code, password or credential, would allow access to a 212 consumer's financial account, or (I) government-issued identification 213 number, including, but not limited to, Social Security number, passport 214 number, state identification card number or driver's license number, 215 that applicable law does not require to be publicly displayed.

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[(39)] (40) "Targeted advertising" means displaying advertisements to a consumer where the advertisement is selected based on personal data obtained or inferred from that consumer's activities over time and across nonaffiliated Internet web sites or online applications to predict such consumer's preferences or interests. "Targeted advertising" does not include (A) advertisements based on activities within a controller's own Internet web sites or online applications, (B) advertisements based on the context of a consumer's current search query, visit to an Internet web site or online application, (C) advertisements directed to a consumer in response to the consumer's request for information or feedback, or (D) processing personal data solely to measure or report advertising frequency, performance or reach.

- [(40)] (41) "Third party" means a person, such as a public authority, agency or body, other than the consumer, controller or processor or an affiliate of the processor or the controller.
- [(41)] (42) "Trade secret" has the same meaning as provided in section 35-51.
- Sec. 2. Section 42-516 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2025):

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The provisions of sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, as amended by this act, apply to persons that: [conduct] (1) Conduct business in this state, or [persons that] produce products or services that are targeted to residents of this state, and [that] during the preceding calendar year [: (1) Controlled] (A) controlled or processed the personal data of not [less] fewer than [one hundred thousand] thirty-five thousand consumers, excluding personal data controlled or processed solely for the purpose of completing a payment transaction, [;] or [(2)] (B) controlled or processed the personal data of not [less] fewer than [twenty-five thousand] ten thousand consumers and derived more than [twenty-five] twenty per cent of their gross revenue from the sale of personal data; (2) control or process consumers' sensitive data; or (3) offer consumers' personal data for sale in trade or commerce.

- Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 42-517 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- (a) The provisions of sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, as amended by this act, do not apply to any: (1) Body, authority, board, bureau, commission, district or agency of this state or of any political subdivision of this state; (2) person who has entered into a contract with any body, authority, board, bureau, commission, district or agency described in subdivision (1) of this subsection while such person is processing consumer health data on behalf of such body, authority, board, bureau, commission, district or agency pursuant to such contract; (3) [nonprofit organization; (4)] institution of higher education; [(5)] (4) national securities association that is registered under 15 USC 78o-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time; [(6) financial institution or data subject to Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 USC 6801 et seq.; (7) covered entity or business associate, as defined in 45 CFR 160.103; (8)] (5) tribal nation government organization; or [(9)] (6) air carrier, as defined in 49 USC 40102, as amended from time to time, and regulated under the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, 49 USC 40101 et seq., and the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, 49 USC 41713, as said acts may be amended from time to time.

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(b) The following information and data [is] are exempt from the provisions of sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act: (1) Protected health information under HIPAA; (2) patientidentifying information for purposes of 42 USC 290dd-2; (3) identifiable private information for purposes of the federal policy for the protection of human subjects under 45 CFR 46; (4) identifiable private information that is otherwise information collected as part of human subjects research pursuant to the good clinical practice guidelines issued by the International Council for Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use; (5) the protection of human subjects under 21 CFR Parts 6, 50 and 56, or personal data used or shared in research, as defined in 45 CFR 164.501, that is conducted in accordance with the standards set forth in this subdivision and subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection, or other research conducted in accordance with applicable law; (6) information and documents created for purposes of the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, 42 USC 11101 et seq.; (7) patient safety work product for purposes of section 19a-127o and the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act, 42 USC 299b-21 et seq., as amended from time to time; (8) information derived from any of the health care-related information listed in this subsection that is deidentified in accordance with the requirements for de-identification pursuant to HIPAA; (9) information originating from and intermingled to be indistinguishable with, or information treated in the same manner as, information exempt under this subsection that is maintained by a covered entity or business associate, program or qualified service organization, as specified in 42 USC 290dd-2, as amended from time to time; (10) information used for public health activities and purposes as authorized by HIPAA, community health activities and population health activities; (11) the collection, maintenance, disclosure, sale, communication or use of any personal information bearing on a consumer's credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living by a consumer reporting agency, furnisher or user that provides information for use in a consumer report, and by a user of a consumer report, but only to the extent that such activity is regulated by and authorized

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304 under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq., as amended 305 from time to time; (12) personal data collected, processed, sold or 306 disclosed in compliance with the Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, 307 18 USC 2721 et seq., as amended from time to time; (13) personal data 308 regulated by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 309 1232g et seq., as amended from time to time; (14) personal data collected, 310 processed, sold or disclosed in compliance with the Farm Credit Act, 12 311 USC 2001 et seq., as amended from time to time; (15) data processed or 312 maintained (A) in the course of an individual applying to, employed by 313 or acting as an agent or independent contractor of a controller, 314 processor, consumer health data controller or third party, to the extent 315 that the data [is] are collected and used within the context of that role, 316 (B) as the emergency contact information of an individual under 317 sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act, used for 318 emergency contact purposes, or (C) that is necessary to retain to 319 administer benefits for another individual relating to the individual 320 who is the subject of the information under subdivision (1) of this 321 subsection and used for the purposes of administering such benefits; 322 [and] (16) personal data collected, processed, sold or disclosed in 323 relation to price, route or service, as such terms are used in the Federal 324 Aviation Act of 1958, 49 USC 40101 et seq., and the Airline Deregulation 325 Act of 1978, 49 USC 41713, as said acts may be amended from time to 326 time; and (17) data subject to Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 327 USC 6801 et seq., as amended from time to time.

Sec. 4. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 42-518 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

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(a) A consumer shall have the right to: (1) Confirm whether or not a controller is processing the consumer's personal data and access such personal data, <u>including</u>, <u>but not limited to</u>, <u>any inferences about the consumer derived from such personal data</u>, unless such confirmation or access would require the controller to reveal a trade secret; (2) correct inaccuracies in the consumer's personal data, taking into account the nature of the personal data and the purposes of the processing of the

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consumer's personal data; (3) delete personal data provided by, or obtained about, the consumer; (4) obtain a copy of the consumer's personal data processed by the controller, in a portable and, to the extent technically feasible, readily usable format that allows the consumer to transmit the data to another controller without hindrance, where the processing is carried out by automated means, provided such controller shall not be required to reveal any trade secret; [and] (5) opt out of the processing of the personal data for purposes of (A) targeted advertising, (B) the sale of personal data, except as provided in subsection (b) of section 42-520, or (C) profiling in furtherance of [solely] automated decisions that produce legal or similarly significant effects concerning the consumer; and (6) obtain from the controller (A) a list of the third parties to which such controller has sold the consumer's personal data, or (B) if such controller does not maintain a list of the third parties to which such controller has sold the consumer's personal data, a list of all third parties to which such controller has sold personal data.

(b) A consumer may exercise rights under this section by a secure and reliable means established by the controller and described to the consumer in the controller's privacy notice. A consumer may designate an authorized agent in accordance with section 42-519 to exercise the rights of such consumer to opt out of the processing of such consumer's personal data for purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section on behalf of the consumer. In the case of processing personal data of a [known] consumer who the controller has actual knowledge, or knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances, is a child, the parent or legal guardian may exercise such consumer rights on the child's behalf. In the case of processing personal data concerning a consumer subject to a guardianship, conservatorship or other protective arrangement, the guardian or the consumer's behalf.

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 42-520 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

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(a) A controller shall: (1) Limit the collection of personal data to what is [adequate, relevant and] reasonably necessary [in relation to the purposes for which such data is processed, as disclosed to] and proportionate to provide or maintain a product or service specifically <u>requested by</u> the consumer; (2) [except as otherwise provided in sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive,] not process personal data for purposes that are neither reasonably necessary to, nor compatible with, the disclosed purposes for which such personal data [is] are processed, as disclosed to the consumer, unless the controller obtains the consumer's consent; (3) establish, implement and maintain reasonable administrative, technical and physical data security practices to protect the confidentiality, integrity and accessibility of personal data appropriate to the volume and nature of the personal data at issue; (4) not process sensitive data concerning a consumer without obtaining the consumer's consent, or, in the case of the processing of sensitive data concerning a [known] consumer who the controller has actual knowledge, or knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances, is a child, without processing such data in accordance with COPPA; (5) not process personal data in violation of the laws of this state and federal laws that prohibit unlawful discrimination against consumers; (6) provide an effective mechanism for a consumer to revoke the consumer's consent under this section that is at least as easy as the mechanism by which the consumer provided the consumer's consent and, upon revocation of such consent, cease to process the data as soon as practicable, but not later than fifteen days after the receipt of such request; (7) not sell the sensitive data of a consumer without the consumer's consent; and [(7)] (8) not process the personal data of a consumer for purposes of targeted advertising, or sell the consumer's personal data without the consumer's consent, under circumstances where a controller has actual knowledge, or [wilfully disregards] knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances, that the consumer is at least thirteen years of age but younger than sixteen years of age. A controller shall not discriminate against a consumer for exercising any of the consumer rights contained in sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, as amended by this act, including denying goods or

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Sec. 6. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 42-524 of the general statutes are repealed and the following are substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2025):

(a) Nothing in sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall be construed to restrict a controller's, processor's or consumer health data controller's ability to: (1) Comply with federal, state or municipal ordinances or regulations; (2) comply with a civil, criminal or regulatory inquiry, investigation, subpoena or summons by federal, state, municipal or other governmental authorities; (3) cooperate with law enforcement agencies concerning conduct or activity that the controller, processor or consumer health data controller reasonably and in good faith believes may violate federal, state or municipal ordinances or regulations; (4) investigate, establish, exercise, prepare for or defend legal claims; (5) provide a product or service specifically requested by a consumer; (6) perform under a contract to which a consumer is a party, including fulfilling the terms of a written warranty; (7) take steps at the request of a consumer prior to entering into a contract; (8) take immediate steps to protect an interest that is essential for the life or physical safety of the consumer or another individual, and where the processing cannot be manifestly based on another legal basis; (9) prevent, detect, protect against or respond to security incidents, identity theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or deceptive activities or any illegal activity, preserve the integrity or security of systems or investigate, report or prosecute those responsible for any such action; (10) engage in public or peer-reviewed scientific or statistical research in the public interest that adheres to all other applicable ethics and privacy laws and is approved, monitored and governed by an institutional review board that determines, or similar independent oversight entities that determine, (A) whether the deletion of the information is likely to provide substantial benefits that do not exclusively accrue to the controller or consumer health data controller, (B) the expected benefits

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of the research outweigh the privacy risks, and (C) whether the controller or consumer health data controller has implemented reasonable safeguards to mitigate privacy risks associated with research, including any risks associated with re-identification; (11) assist another controller, processor, consumer health data controller or third party with any of the obligations under sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act; or (12) process personal data for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, community health or population health, but solely to the extent that such processing is (A) subject to suitable and specific measures to safeguard the rights of the consumer whose personal data [is] are being processed, and (B) under the responsibility of a professional subject to confidentiality obligations under federal, state or local law.

- (b) The obligations imposed on controllers, processors or consumer health data controllers under sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall not restrict a controller's, processor's or consumer health data controller's ability to collect, use or retain data for internal use to: (1) Conduct internal research to develop, improve or repair products, services or technology; (2) effectuate a product recall; (3) identify and repair technical errors that impair existing or intended functionality; or (4) perform solely internal operations that are reasonably aligned with the expectations of the consumer or reasonably anticipated based on the consumer's existing relationship with the controller or consumer health data controller, or are otherwise compatible with processing data in furtherance of the provision of a product or service specifically requested by a consumer or the performance of a contract to which the consumer is a party.
- (c) The obligations imposed on controllers, processors or consumer health data controllers under sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall not apply where compliance by the controller, processor or consumer health data controller with said sections would violate an evidentiary privilege under the laws of this state. Nothing in sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall be construed to prevent a controller, processor or consumer health data

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controller from providing personal data concerning a consumer to a person covered by an evidentiary privilege under the laws of the state as part of a privileged communication.

- (d) A controller, processor or consumer health data controller that discloses personal data to a processor or third-party controller in accordance with sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall not be deemed to have violated said sections if the processor or third-party controller that receives and processes such personal data violates said sections, provided, at the time the disclosing controller, processor or consumer health data controller disclosed such personal data, the disclosing controller, processor or consumer health data controller did not have actual knowledge, or knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances, that the receiving processor or third-party controller would violate said sections. A third-party controller or processor receiving personal data from a controller, processor or consumer health data controller in compliance with sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, as amended by this act, is likewise not in violation of said sections for the transgressions of the controller, processor or consumer health data controller from which such thirdparty controller or processor receives such personal data.
- Sec. 7. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 42-528 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 497 (a) For the purposes of this section:

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- (1) "Authenticate" means to use reasonable means and make a commercially reasonable effort to determine whether a request to exercise any right afforded under subsection (b) of this section has been submitted by, or on behalf of, the minor who is entitled to exercise such right;
- 503 (2) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515, as amended by this act;

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505 (3) "Minor" means any consumer who is younger than eighteen years 506 of age;

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- (4) "Personal data" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515, as amended by this act;
  - (5) "Social media platform" (A) means a public or semi-public Internet-based service or application that (i) is used by a consumer in this state, (ii) is primarily intended to connect and allow users to socially interact within such service or application, and (iii) enables a user to [(I)] construct a public or semi-public profile for the purposes of signing into and using such service or application, [(II) populate a public list of other users with whom the user shares a social connection within such service or application, and (III) create or post content that is viewable by other users, including, but not limited to, on message boards, in chat rooms, or through a landing page or main feed that presents the user with content generated by other users, and (B) does not include a public or semi-public Internet-based service or application that (i) exclusively provides electronic mail or direct messaging services, (ii) primarily consists of news, sports, entertainment, interactive video games, electronic commerce or content that is preselected by the provider or for which any chat, comments or interactive functionality is incidental to, directly related to, or dependent on the provision of such content, or (iii) is used by and under the direction of an educational entity, including, but not limited to, a learning management system or a student engagement program; and
  - (6) "Unpublish" means to remove a social media platform account from public visibility.
  - (b) (1) Not later than fifteen business days after a social media platform receives a request from a minor or, if the minor is younger than sixteen years of age, from such minor's parent or legal guardian to unpublish such minor's social media platform account, the social media platform shall unpublish such minor's social media platform account.
- 536 (2) Not later than forty-five business days after a social media

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platform receives a request from a minor or, if the minor is younger than sixteen years of age, from such minor's parent or legal guardian to delete such minor's social media platform account, the social media platform shall delete such minor's social media platform account and cease processing such minor's personal data except where the preservation of such minor's social media platform account or personal data is otherwise permitted or required by applicable law, including, but not limited to, sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, as amended by this act. A social media platform may extend such forty-five business day period by an additional forty-five business days if such extension is reasonably necessary considering the complexity and number of the consumer's requests, provided the social media platform informs the minor or, if the minor is younger than sixteen years of age, such minor's parent or legal guardian within the initial forty-five business day response period of such extension and the reason for such extension.

- (3) A social media platform shall establish, and shall describe in a privacy notice, one or more secure and reliable means for submitting a request pursuant to this subsection. A social media platform that provides a mechanism for a minor or, if the minor is younger than sixteen years of age, the minor's parent or legal guardian to initiate a process to delete or unpublish such minor's social media platform account shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions of this subsection.
- (4) No social media platform shall require a minor's parent or legal guardian to create a social media platform account to submit a request pursuant to this subsection. A social media platform may require a minor's parent or legal guardian to use an existing social media platform account to submit such a request, provided such parent or legal guardian has access to the existing social media platform account.
- Sec. 8. Section 42-529a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
  - (a) Each controller that offers any online service, product or feature

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569 to consumers whom such controller has actual knowledge, or [wilfully 570 disregards] knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective 571 circumstances, are minors shall use reasonable care to avoid any 572 heightened risk of harm to minors caused by such online service, 573 product or feature. [In any enforcement action brought by the Attorney 574 General pursuant to section 42-529e, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that a controller used reasonable care as required under 575 576 this section if the controller complied with the provisions of section 42-577 529b concerning data protection assessments.]

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(b) (1) [Subject to the consent requirement established in subdivision (3) of this subsection, no No controller that offers any online service, product or feature to consumers whom such controller has actual knowledge, or [wilfully disregards] knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances, are minors shall: (A) Process any minor's personal data (i) for the purposes of (I) targeted advertising, (II) any sale of personal data, or (III) profiling in furtherance of any [fully] automated decision made by such controller that produces any legal or similarly significant effect concerning the provision or denial by such controller of any financial or lending services, housing, insurance, education enrollment or opportunity, criminal justice, employment opportunity, health care services or access to essential goods or services, (ii) unless such processing is reasonably necessary to provide such online service, product or feature, (iii) for any processing purpose (I) other than the processing purpose that the controller disclosed at the time such controller collected such personal data, or (II) that is reasonably necessary for, and compatible with, the processing purpose described in subparagraph (A)(iii)(I) of this subdivision, or (iv) for longer than is reasonably necessary to provide such online service, product or feature; or (B) use any system design feature to significantly increase, sustain or extend any minor's use of such online service, product or feature. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any service or application that is used by and under the direction of an educational entity, including, but not limited to, a learning management system or a student engagement program.

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(2) [Subject to the consent requirement established in subdivision (3) of this subsection, no] No controller that offers an online service, product or feature to consumers whom such controller has actual knowledge, or [wilfully disregards] knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances, are minors shall collect a minor's precise geolocation data unless: (A) Such precise geolocation data [is reasonably] are strictly necessary for the controller to provide such online service, product or feature and, if such data [is] are necessary to provide such online service, product or feature, such controller may only collect such data for the time necessary to provide such online service, product or feature; and (B) the controller provides to the minor a signal indicating that such controller is collecting such precise geolocation data, which signal shall be available to such minor for the entire duration of such collection.

[(3) No controller shall engage in the activities described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection unless the controller obtains the minor's consent or, if the minor is younger than thirteen years of age, the consent of such minor's parent or legal guardian. A controller that complies with the verifiable parental consent requirements established in the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 15 USC 6501 et seq., and the regulations, rules, guidance and exemptions adopted pursuant to said act, as said act and such regulations, rules, guidance and exemptions may be amended from time to time, shall be deemed to have satisfied any requirement to obtain parental consent under this subdivision.]

(c) (1) No controller that offers any online service, product or feature to consumers whom such controller has actual knowledge, or [wilfully disregards] knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances, are minors shall: (A) Provide any consent mechanism that is designed to substantially subvert or impair, or is manipulated with the effect of substantially subverting or impairing, user autonomy, decision-making or choice; or (B) except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, offer any direct messaging apparatus for use by minors without providing readily accessible and easy-to-use safeguards

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to limit the ability of adults to send unsolicited communications to minors with whom they are not connected.

- (2) The provisions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to services where the predominant or exclusive function is: (A) Electronic mail; or (B) direct messaging consisting of text, photos or videos that are sent between devices by electronic means, where messages are (i) shared between the sender and the recipient, (ii) only visible to the sender and the recipient, and (iii) not posted publicly.
- Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 42-529b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):
  - (a) Each controller that [, on or after October 1, 2024,] offers any online service, product or feature to consumers whom such controller has actual knowledge, or [wilfully disregards] knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances, are minors shall conduct a data protection assessment for such online service, product or feature: (1) In a manner that is consistent with the requirements established in section 42-522; and (2) that addresses (A) the purpose of such online service, product or feature, (B) the categories of minors' personal data that such online service, product or feature processes, (C) the purposes for which such controller processes minors' personal data with respect to such online service, product or feature, and (D) any heightened risk of harm to minors that is a reasonably foreseeable result of offering such online service, product or feature to minors.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (d) of section 42-529d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):
  - (d) No obligation imposed on a controller or processor under any provision of sections 42-529 to 42-529c, inclusive, or section 42-529e shall be construed to restrict a controller's or processor's ability to collect, use or retain data for internal use to: (1) Conduct internal research to

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- 669 develop, improve or repair products, services or technology; (2) 670 effectuate a product recall; (3) identify and repair technical errors that 671 impair existing or intended functionality; or (4) perform solely internal 672 operations that are (A) reasonably aligned with the expectations of a 673 minor or reasonably anticipated based on the minor's existing 674 relationship with the controller or processor, or (B) otherwise 675 compatible with processing data in furtherance of the provision of a 676 product or service specifically requested by a minor.
- 677 Sec. 11. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) As used in this section:

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- (1) "Brokered personal data" means any personal data that are categorized or organized for the purpose of enabling a data broker to sell or license such personal data to another person;
  - (2) "Business" (A) means (i) a person who regularly engages in commercial activities for the purpose of generating income, (ii) a bank, Connecticut credit union, federal credit union, out-of-state bank, out-of-state trust company or out-of-state credit union, as said terms are defined in section 36a-2 of the general statutes, and (iii) any other person that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with a person described in subparagraph (A)(i) or (A)(ii) of this subdivision, and (B) does not include any body, authority, board, bureau, commission, district or agency of this state or of any political subdivision of this state;
  - (3) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
- (4) "Data broker" means any business or, if such business is an entity,
  any portion of such business that sells or licenses brokered personal data
  to another person;
  - (5) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;
- 696 (6) "License" (A) means to grant access to, or distribute, personal data 697 in exchange for consideration, and (B) does not include any use of 698 personal data for the sole benefit of the person who provided such

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- 699 personal data if such person maintains control over the use of such 700 personal data;
- (7) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515 of 702 the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

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- (8) "Personal data" (A) means any data concerning a consumer that, either alone or in combination with any other data that are sold or licensed by a data broker to another person, can reasonably be associated with the consumer, and (B) includes, but is not limited to, (i) a consumer's name or the name of any member of the consumer's immediate family or household, (ii) a consumer's address or the address of any member of the consumer's immediate family or household, (iii) a consumer's birth date or place of birth, (iv) the maiden name of a consumer's mother, (v) biometric data, as defined in section 42-515 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, concerning a consumer, and (vi) a consumer's Social Security number or any other governmentissued identification number issued to the consumer.
- (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection and subsection (d) of this section, no data broker shall sell or license brokered personal data in this state unless the data broker is actively registered with the Department of Consumer Protection in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. A data broker who desires to sell or license brokered personal data in this state shall submit an application to the department in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each application for registration as a data broker shall be accompanied by a registration fee in the amount of six hundred dollars. Each registration issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire on December thirty-first of the year in which such registration was issued and may be renewed for successive one-year terms upon application made in the manner set forth in this subsection and payment of a registration renewal fee in the amount of six hundred dollars.
  - (2) Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection, each

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- application submitted to the department pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include:
- 733 (A) The applicant's name, mailing address, electronic mail address 734 and telephone number;
  - (B) The address of the applicant's primary Internet web site; and

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- (C) A statement by the applicant disclosing the measures the applicant shall take to ensure that no personal data is sold or licensed in violation of the provisions of sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
  - (3) The department shall make all information that an applicant submits to the department pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection publicly available on the department's Internet web site.
- 743 (4) The department may approve and renew an application for 744 registration as a data broker in accordance with the terms of an 745 agreement between the department and the Nationwide Multistate 746 Licensing System.
  - (c) No data broker shall sell or license any personal data in violation of the provisions of sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Each data broker shall implement measures to ensure that the data broker does not sell or license any personal data in violation of the provisions of sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
  - (d) (1) The provisions of this section shall not apply to: (A) A consumer reporting agency, as defined in 15 USC 1681a(f), as amended from time to time, a person that furnishes information to a consumer reporting agency, as provided in 15 USC 1681s-2, as amended from time to time, or a user of a consumer report, as defined in 15 USC 1681a(d), as amended from time to time, to the extent that the consumer reporting agency, person or user engages in activities that are subject to regulation under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq., as amended

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from time to time; (B) a financial institution, an affiliate or a nonaffiliated third party, as said terms are defined in 15 USC 6809, as amended from time to time, to the extent that the financial institution, affiliate or nonaffiliated third party engages in activities that are subject to regulation under Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 USC 6801 et seq., and the regulations adopted thereunder, as said act and regulations may be amended from time to time; (C) a business that collects information concerning a consumer if the consumer (i) is a customer, subscriber or user of goods or services sold or offered by the business, (ii) is in a contractual relationship with the business, (iii) is an investor in the business, (iv) is a donor to the business, or (v) otherwise maintains a relationship with the business that is similar to the relationships described in subparagraphs (C)(i) to (C)(iv), inclusive, of this subdivision; or (D) a business that performs services for, or acts as an agent or on behalf of, a business described in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

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(2) No provision of this section shall be construed to prohibit an unregistered data broker from engaging in any sale or licensing of brokered personal data if such sale or licensing exclusively involves: (A) Publicly available information (i) concerning a consumer's business or profession, or (ii) sold or licensed as part of a service that provides alerts for health or safety purposes; (B) information that is lawfully available from any federal, state or local government record; (C) providing digital access to any (i) journal, book, periodical, newspaper, magazine or news media, or (ii) educational, academic or instructional work; (D) developing or maintaining an electronic commerce service or software; (E) providing directory assistance or directory information services as, or on behalf of, a telecommunications carrier; or (F) a one-time or occasional disposition of the assets of a business, or any portion of a business, as part of a transfer of control over the assets of the business that is not part of the ordinary conduct of such business or portion of such business.

(e) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the

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general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

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- (f) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, after providing notice and conducting a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, may impose a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars per day for each violation of subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section. The sum of civil penalties imposed on a data broker pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed ten thousand dollars during any calendar year.
- Sec. 12. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2026) (a) As used in this section:
  - (1) "Abuser" means an individual who (A) is identified by a survivor pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (B) has committed, or allegedly committed, a covered act against the survivor making the connected vehicle services request;
  - (2) "Account holder" means an individual who is (A) a party to a contract with a covered provider that involves a connected vehicle service, or (B) a subscriber, customer or registered user of a connected vehicle service;
  - (3) "Connected vehicle service" means any capability provided by or on behalf of a motor vehicle manufacturer that enables a person to remotely obtain data from, or send commands to, a covered vehicle, including, but not limited to, any such capability provided by way of a software application that is designed to be operated on a mobile device;
  - (4) "Connected vehicle service request" means a request by a survivor to terminate or disable an abuser's access to a connected vehicle service;
  - (5) "Covered act" means conduct that constitutes (A) a crime described in Section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, 34 USC 12291(a), as amended from time to time, (B) an act or practice described in 22 USC 7102(11) or (12), as amended from time to time, or (C) a crime, act or practice that is (i) similar to a crime, act or practice described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision, and

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- 825 (ii) prohibited under federal, state or tribal law;
- 826 (6) "Covered connected vehicle services account" means an account 827 or other means by which a person enrolls in, or obtains access to, a connected vehicle service;
- 829 (7) "Covered provider" means a motor vehicle manufacturer, or an 830 entity acting on behalf of a motor vehicle manufacturer, that provides a 831 connected vehicle service;
- 832 (8) "Covered vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is (A) the subject of 833 a connected vehicle request, and (B) identified by a survivor pursuant 834 to subsection (b) of this section;
- (9) "Emergency situation" means a situation that, if allowed to continue, poses an imminent risk of death or serious bodily harm;
- (10) "In-vehicle interface" means a feature or mechanism installed in a motor vehicle that allows an individual within the motor vehicle to terminate or disable connected vehicle services;

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- (11) "Person" means an individual, association, company, limited liability company, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, trust or other legal entity; and
- (12) "Survivor" means an individual (A) who is eighteen years of age or older, and (B) against whom a covered act has been committed or allegedly committed.
- (b) A survivor may submit a connected vehicle service request to a covered provider pursuant to this subsection. Each connected vehicle service request submitted pursuant to this subsection shall, at a minimum, include (1) the vehicle identification number of the covered vehicle, (2) the name of the abuser, and (3) (A) proof that the survivor is the sole owner of the covered vehicle, (B) if the survivor is not the sole owner of the covered vehicle, proof that the survivor is legally entitled to exclusive possession of the covered vehicle, which proof may take the form of a court order awarding exclusive possession of the covered

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vehicle to the survivor, or (C) if the abuser owns the covered vehicle, in whole or in part, a dissolution of marriage decree, restraining order or temporary restraining order (i) naming the abuser, and (ii) (I) granting exclusive possession of the covered vehicle to the survivor, or (II) restricting the abuser's use of a connected vehicle service against the survivor.

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(c) (1) Not later than two business days after a survivor submits a connected vehicle service request to a covered provider pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the covered provider shall take one or more of the following actions requested by the survivor in the connected vehicle service request, regardless of whether the abuser identified in the connected vehicle service request is an account holder: (A) Terminate or disable the covered connected vehicle services account associated with such abuser; (B) (i) terminate or disable the covered connected vehicle services account associated with the covered vehicle, including, but not limited to, by resetting or deleting any data or wireless connection with respect to the covered vehicle, and (ii) provide instructions to the survivor on how to reestablish a covered connected vehicle services account; (C) (i) terminate or disable covered connected vehicle services for the covered vehicle, including, but not limited to, by resetting or deleting any data or wireless connection with respect to the covered vehicle, and (ii) provide instructions to the survivor on how to reestablish connected vehicle services; or (D) if the motor vehicle has an in-vehicle interface, provide information to the survivor concerning (i) the availability of the in-vehicle interface, and (ii) how to terminate or disable connected vehicle services using the in-vehicle interface.

(2) After the covered provider has taken action pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the covered provider shall deny any request made by the abuser to obtain any data that (A) were generated by the connected vehicle service after the abuser's access to such connected vehicle service was terminated or disabled in response to the connected vehicle service request, and (B) are maintained by the covered provider.

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(3) The covered provider shall not refuse to take action pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection on the basis that any requirement, other than a requirement established in subsection (b) of this section, has not been satisfied, including, but not limited to, any requirement that provides for (A) payment of any fee, penalty or other charge, (B) maintaining or extending the term of the covered connected vehicle services account, (C) obtaining approval from any account holder other than the survivor, or (D) increasing the rate charged for the connected vehicle service.

- (4) (A) If the covered provider intends to provide any formal notice to the abuser regarding any action set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the covered provider shall first notify the survivor of the date on which the covered provider intends to provide such notice to the abuser.
- (B) The covered provider shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the covered provider only provides formal notice to the abuser, pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, (i) at least three days after the covered provider notified the survivor pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (ii) after the covered provider has terminated or disabled the abuser's access to the connected vehicle service.
- (5) (A) The covered provider shall not be required to take any action pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection if the covered provider cannot operationally or technically effectuate such action.
- (B) If the covered provider cannot operationally or technically effectuate any action as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the covered provider shall promptly notify the survivor who submitted the connected vehicle service request that the covered provider cannot operationally or technically effectuate such action, which notice shall, at a minimum, disclose whether the covered provider's inability to operationally or technically effectuate such action can be remedied and, if so, any steps the survivor can take to assist the covered provider in

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remedying such inability.

- (d) (1) The covered provider and each officer, director, employee, vendor or agent of the covered provider shall treat all information submitted by the survivor under subsection (b) of this section as confidential, and shall securely dispose of such information not later than ninety days after the survivor submitted such information.
- (2) The covered provider shall not disclose any information submitted by the survivor under subsection (b) of this section to a third party unless (A) the covered provider has obtained affirmative consent from the survivor to disclose such information to the third party, or (B) disclosing such information to the third party is necessary to effectuate the connected vehicle service request.
- (3) Nothing in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the covered provider from maintaining, for longer than the period specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection, a record that verifies that the survivor fulfilled the conditions of the connected vehicle service request as set forth in subsection (b) of this section, provided such record is limited to what is reasonably necessary and proportionate to verify that the survivor fulfilled such conditions.
- (e) The survivor shall take reasonable steps to notify the covered provider of any change in the ownership or possession of the covered vehicle that materially affects the need for the covered provider to take action pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section.
- (f) The requirements established in this section shall not prohibit or prevent a covered provider from terminating or disabling an abuser's access to a connected vehicle service in an emergency situation after receiving a connected vehicle service request.
- (g) Each covered provider shall publicly post, on such covered provider's Internet web site, a statement describing how a survivor may submit a connected vehicle service request to such covered provider.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	42-515
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	42-516
Sec. 3	October 1, 2025	42-517(a) and (b)
Sec. 4	October 1, 2025	42-518(a) and (b)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2025	42-520(a)
Sec. 6	October 1, 2025	42-524(a) to (d)
Sec. 7	October 1, 2025	42-528(a) and (b)
Sec. 8	October 1, 2025	42-529a
Sec. 9	October 1, 2025	42-529b(a)
Sec. 10	October 1, 2025	42-529d(d)
Sec. 11	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 12	January 1, 2026	New section

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