



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1440

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF AN INTIMATE SYNTHETICALLY CREATED IMAGE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) A person is guilty of
2 unlawful dissemination of an intimate synthetically created image when
3 (1) such person intentionally disseminates by electronic or other means
4 such image of (A) the genitals, pubic area or buttocks of another person
5 with less than a fully opaque covering of such body part, or the breast
6 of such other person who is female with less than a fully opaque
7 covering of any portion of such breast below the top of the nipple, or (B)
8 another person engaged in sexual intercourse, as defined in section 53a-
9 193 of the general statutes, (2) such person disseminates such image
10 without the consent of such other person, (3) knowing such image is a
11 synthetically created image, disseminates the image intending for
12 another person who views such image to be deceived into believing the
13 image is an actual depiction of such other person, and (4) such other
14 person suffers harm as a result of such dissemination, or (5) such person
15 violates subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection, and such
16 person acquired, created or had created such synthetically created
17 image with intention to harm such other person.

18 (b) For purposes of this section:

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

22 (2) "Harm" includes, but is not limited to, subjecting such other
23 person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, physical injury, financial injury,
24 psychological harm or serious emotional distress; and

25 (3) "Synthetically created image" means any photograph, film,
26 videotape or other image of a person that (A) is (i) not wholly recorded
27 by a camera, or (ii) either partially or wholly generated by a computer
28 system, and (B) depicts, and is virtually indistinguishable from what a
29 reasonable person would believe is the actual depiction of, an
30 identifiable person.

31 (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to:

32 (1) Any image described in subsection (a) of this section of such other
33 person if such image resulted from voluntary exposure or engagement
34 in sexual intercourse by such other person, in a public place, as defined
35 in section 53a-181 of the general statutes, or in a commercial setting; or

36 (2) Any image described in subsection (a) of this section of such other
37 person, if such other person is not clearly identifiable, unless other
38 personally identifying information is associated with or accompanies
39 the image.

40 (d) Unlawful dissemination of an intimate synthetically created
41 image to (1) a person by any means is a class D misdemeanor, except
42 that if such person violated subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this
43 section, a class A misdemeanor, and (2) more than one person by means
44 of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 USC 230, an
45 information service, as defined in 47 USC 153, or a telecommunications
46 service, as defined in section 16-247a of the general statutes, is a class C
47 misdemeanor, except that if such person violated subdivision (5) of
48 subsection (a) of this section, a class D felony.

49 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose liability on
50 the provider of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 USC
51 230, an information service, as defined in 47 USC 153, or a
52 telecommunications service, as defined in section 16-247a of the general
53 statutes, for content provided by another person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section

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