



Substitute Senate Bill No. 483

Public Act No. 26-119

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF DIGITAL DEFRAUDING.

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

Section 1. Section 53a-119 of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (19) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(NEW) (19) Digital defrauding. (A) A person is guilty of digital defrauding when such person, with intent to cause financial injury to another person, creates and disseminates a visual representation or audio recording that such person knows or should have known is a digitally forged likeness. (B) For purposes of this subdivision, (i) "disseminate" means to sell, give, provide, lend, trade, mail, deliver, transfer, publish, distribute, circulate, present, exhibit, advertise or otherwise offer; and (ii) "Digitally forged likeness" means any photograph, film, videotape or other visual representation of a person or an audio recording of a person's voice that (I) is not wholly recorded by a camera or an audio recorder, or either partially or wholly generated by a computer system, (II) depicts, and is virtually indistinguishable from what a reasonable person would believe is the actual depiction of an identifiable person's image or voice, and (III) is created without the consent of the person whose image or voice is depicted. (C) In any prosecution for an offense under this subdivision, it shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant took reasonable action to place

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viewers or listeners of a digitally forged likeness on notice that such visual representation or audio recording is a digitally forged likeness. (D) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to impose liability on the provider of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 USC 230, an information service, as defined in 47 USC 153, or a telecommunications service, as defined in section 16-247a, for the creation of content at the request of another person or the dissemination of content provided by another person, provided such provider did not know that such content was being created or disseminated in violation of this subdivision.