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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

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.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Any person harmed by
2 reason of a violation of any provision of section 53a-189d of the general
3 statutes may bring a civil action in the Superior Court to enjoin further
4 violations, recover the costs of the civil action, including reasonable
5 attorney's fees, and recover economic and noneconomic damages
6 proximately caused by reason of such violation, including emotional
7 distress and punitive damages.

8 (b) At the request of the person initiating an action brought pursuant
9 to this section, the court may, in its discretion, conduct all legal
10 proceedings in such a way as to protect the identity of the person
11 initiating the action.

12 (c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit any
13 person's right to pursue any additional civil remedy otherwise allowed

14 by law.

15 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (e) of section 53a-189d of the general
16 statutes, any person harmed by reason of a violation of any provision of
17 section 53a-189d of the general statutes may bring a civil action in the
18 Superior Court against the provider of an interactive computer service,
19 as defined in 47 USC 230, an information service, as defined in 47 USC
20 153, or a telecommunications service, as defined in section 16-247a of the
21 general statutes, for continuing to disseminate content provided by
22 another person when such provider knew or should have known that
23 such dissemination of an intimate image was unlawful pursuant to
24 section 53a-189d of the general statutes.

25 (e) A civil action under this section shall not be commenced but
26 within two years from the date of the act complained of.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Attorney General, acting
28 on behalf of the state of Connecticut, may bring an action in the superior
29 court for the judicial district in which a violation of any provision of
30 section 53a-189d of the general statutes occurs to enforce the provisions
31 of said section. In any such action, the Attorney General may obtain, for
32 the benefit of persons adversely affected by the violation of section 53a-
33 189d of the general statutes, any relief to which such persons may be
34 entitled. In addition to any relief, the Attorney General may obtain civil
35 penalties up to fifty thousand dollars per day for each person against
36 the provider of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 USC
37 230, an information service, as defined in 47 USC 153, or a
38 telecommunications service, as defined in section 16-247a of the general
39 statutes, for continuing to disseminate content provided by another
40 person when such provider knew or should have known that such
41 dissemination of an intimate image was unlawful pursuant to section
42 53a-189d of the general statutes. For the purposes of this section, the
43 Attorney General may obtain civil penalties pursuant to this section
44 against such provider where the intimate image is a synthetically
45 created image that depicts any person under the age of eighteen

46 regardless of whether that person is a natural person. The Attorney
47 General may combine such action with any other action within the
48 Attorney General's power to maintain, including an action under
49 chapter 735a of the general statutes. Nothing in this section shall limit
50 the right of a person adversely affected by violations of the law from
51 bringing a private cause of action under section 1 of this act or any other
52 law that may entitle such person to relief.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a private right of action and a civil action for the office of the Attorney General to pursue damages from an operator of an electronic digital platform who fails to take down a synthetically created intimate image when the operator knew or should have known that dissemination of such image was unlawful.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]