



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 483

February Session, 2026



AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF DIGITAL FORGERY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) A person is guilty of
2 digital forgery when such person, with intent to cause financial injury
3 to another person, creates and disseminates a visual representation or
4 audio recording that such person knows or should have known is a
5 digitally forged likeness.

6 (b) For purposes of this section:

7 (1) "Disseminate" means to sell, give, provide, lend, trade, mail,
8 deliver, transfer, publish, distribute, circulate, present, exhibit, advertise
9 or otherwise offer; and

10 (2) "Digitally forged likeness" means any photograph, film, videotape
11 or other visual representation of a person or an audio recording of a
12 person's voice that (A) is (i) not wholly recorded by a camera or an audio
13 recorder, or (ii) either partially or wholly generated by a computer
14 system, (B) depicts, and is virtually indistinguishable from what a
15 reasonable person would believe is the actual depiction of an
16 identifiable person's image or voice, and (C) is created without the
17 consent of the person whose image or voice is depicted.

18 (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
19 any visual representation or audio recording created or disseminated by
20 a law enforcement officer while in the performance of such law
21 enforcement officer's official duties.

22 (d) Digital forgery is a (1) class A misdemeanor, or (2) class E felony
23 if a person violated subsection (a) of this section as part of a scheme
24 initiated by or participated in by such person.

25 (e) In any prosecution for an offense under this section, it shall be an
26 affirmative defense that the defendant took reasonable action to place
27 viewers or listeners of a digitally forged likeness on notice that such
28 visual representation or audio recording is a digitally forged likeness.

29 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose liability on the
30 provider of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 USC 230,
31 an information service, as defined in 47 USC 153, or a
32 telecommunications service, as defined in section 16-247a of the general
33 statutes, for the creation of content at the request of another person or
34 the dissemination of content provided by another person, provided
35 such provider did not know that such content was being created or
36 disseminated in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section

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