



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 483

File No. 578

Cal. No. 344

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF DIGITAL FORGERY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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

5 (NEW) (19) Digital defrauding. (A) A person is guilty of digital
6 defrauding when such person, with intent to cause financial injury to
7 another person, creates and disseminates a visual representation or
8 audio recording that such person knows or should have known is a
9 digitally forged likeness. (B) For purposes of this subdivision, (i)
10 "disseminate" means to sell, give, provide, lend, trade, mail, deliver,
11 transfer, publish, distribute, circulate, present, exhibit, advertise or
12 otherwise offer; and (ii) "Digitally forged likeness" means any
13 photograph, film, videotape or other visual representation of a person
14 or an audio recording of a person's voice that (I) is not wholly recorded
15 by a camera or an audio recorder, or either partially or wholly generated

16 by a computer system, (II) depicts, and is virtually indistinguishable
17 from what a reasonable person would believe is the actual depiction of
18 an identifiable person's image or voice, and (III) is created without the
19 consent of the person whose image or voice is depicted. (C) In any
20 prosecution for an offense under this subdivision, it shall be an
21 affirmative defense that the defendant took reasonable action to place
22 viewers or listeners of a digitally forged likeness on notice that such
23 visual representation or audio recording is a digitally forged likeness.
24 (D) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to impose liability on
25 the provider of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 USC
26 230, an information service, as defined in 47 USC 153, or a
27 telecommunications service, as defined in section 16-247a, for the
28 creation of content at the request of another person or the dissemination
29 of content provided by another person, provided such provider did not
30 know that such content was being created or disseminated in violation
31 of this subdivision."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53a-119(19)