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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF INTIMATE IMAGES THAT ARE DIGITALLY ALTERED OR CREATED THROUGH THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

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

Section 1. Section 53a-189c of the general statutes is repealed and the
 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of unlawful dissemination of an intimate image 4 when (1) such person intentionally disseminates by electronic or other 5 means a photograph, film, videotape or other recorded image, including any digitally altered image or image created through the use of artificial 6 7 intelligence that depicts the likeness of a person, of (A) the genitals, 8 pubic area or buttocks of another person with less than a fully opaque 9 covering of such body part, or the breast of such other person who is 10 female with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion of such 11 breast below the top of the nipple, or (B) another person engaged in 12 sexual intercourse, as defined in section 53a-193, (2) such person 13 disseminates such image without the consent of such other person, 14 knowing that such other person understood that the image would not

15 be so disseminated, and (3) such other person suffers harm as a result of16 such dissemination.

17 (b) For purposes of this [subsection, "disseminate"] <u>section</u>:

<u>(1) "Disseminate"</u> means to sell, give, provide, lend, trade, mail,
deliver, transfer, publish, distribute, circulate, present, exhibit, advertise
or otherwise offer; [, and "harm"]

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

24 (4) "Likeness of a person" means an image that closely resembles a
 25 living, identifiable person; and

(5) "Artificial intelligence" means any technology, including, but not
limited to, machine learning, that uses data to train an algorithm or
predictive model for the purpose of enabling a computer system or
service to autonomously perform any task, including, but not limited to,
visual perception, language processing or speech recognition, that is

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31 <u>normally associated with human intelligence or perception</u>.
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32 [(b)] (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this [subsection] section
33 shall not apply to:

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

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

42 (3) Any image described in subsection (a) of this section of such other43 person, if the dissemination of such image serves the public interest.

[(c)] (d) Unlawful dissemination of an intimate image to (1) a person by any means is a class A misdemeanor, and (2) more than one person by means 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, is a class D felony.

[(d)] (e) Nothing in this section 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 content provided by another person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	53a-189c

Statement of Purpose:

To criminalize unauthorized dissemination of intimate images that are digitally altered or created through the use of artificial intelligence.

[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.]