

Chapter 72

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Subject Nudification technology

Bill H.F. 1606

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Overview

This bill prohibits the access, download, or use of nudification technology, except when the website, app, or software requires the substantial application of technological or artistic skill by a human creator directing and controlling the output. A company that violates the prohibitions in this bill would be liable to an injured party for damages and may be subject to a civil penalty enforced by the state's attorney general.

Changes related to the grants in section 325E.91, subdivision 5, were made in Laws 2026, chapter 124.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	[325E.91] Prohibition on nudification technology.
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Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “intimate part,” “nudify,” and “technical skill.”

Subd. 2. Nudification prohibited. (a) Prohibits a person who owns or controls a website, application, or program from allowing a user to access, download, or use the app or software to nudify an image or video, other than the exemption in subdivision 3, and prohibits the company from nudifying a video or image on behalf of a user.

(b) Prohibits a person from advertising or promoting a website, application, or program that allows a user to access, download, or use the website to nudify an image or video.

Subd. 3. Exemption. Provides an exception to the prohibitions on the use or access to nudification technology when the website, software, or other services require the technical skill, including artistic skill or substantial application of the technology, of a user to nudify an image or video.

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Subd. 4. Civil action; damages. Allows a person who is the subject of a nudified image or video and injured by a violation of this section to bring an action for compensatory damages up to three times the actual damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, attorney fees, or other just and equitable relief.

Subd. 5. Penalties. (a) Allows the attorney general to enforce this section under section 8.31 and applies a civil penalty not more than \$500,000 for each unlawful access, download, or use.

(b) Requires civil penalties received under this section to be deposited in the victims of crime account under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.708.

Subd. 6. Jurisdiction; venue. States that a court has jurisdiction over this issue if a plaintiff or defendant lives in Minnesota. Allows a civil action under this section to be filed in the county where the plaintiff resides.

Subd. 7. Immunity. Clarifies that this section does not alter or amend the liabilities and protections offered under United States Code, title 47, section 230, which limits liability for search engines and social media platforms for the content posted by third parties.

Effective date. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to causes of action accruing on or after that date.



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