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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill creates the felony crime of electronic impersonation. The elements of the crime are to knowingly, without consent, and with intent to cause harassment, credibly represent oneself as another person on the internet or by electronic means.

The definition of harassment includes: “repeated incidents of intrusive or unwanted acts, words, or gestures that have a substantial adverse effect or are intended to have a substantial adverse effect on the safety, security, or privacy of another.”

The statutory maximum for this offense is five years’ imprisonment and/or a \$10,000 fine.