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This bill creates a gross misdemeanor offense for altering a digital picture or recording under certain circumstances.

A person commits this offense if the person intentionally alters certain digital pictures or recordings. Those pictures or recordings must either be of another person or belong to another person. In addition, the alteration must occur under these three conditions:

1. without obtaining the subject or owner's consent;
2. with the intent to cause a recipient to reasonably believe that the subject or owner either authorized or transmitted the picture or recording; and
3. with the intent to harm, defraud, or maliciously misrepresent either (a) the subject or owner; (b) an event presented, attended, or both by the subject or owner; or (c) property owned by the subject or owner.