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Bill Summary

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Subject	Nudification technology
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Overview

This bill prohibits the access, download, or use of nudification technology and applies civil penalties.

Summary

Section	Description
1	**[325E.91] Prohibition on nudification technology.**

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines "intimate part" and "nudify" or "nudified."

Subd. 2. Nudification prohibited. (a) Prohibits a person who owns or controls a website, application, or program to allow a user to access, download, or use the website to nudify an image or video.

(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. Civil action; damages. Allows a person 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. 4. Penalties. (a) Allows the attorney general to enforce this section under section 8.31 and applies a civil penalty in addition of not less than $500,000 for each unlawful access, download, or use.

(b) Requires civil penalties received under this section to be deposited in the general fund and appropriates funds annually to the commissioner of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs to provide grants to organizations providing services to victims of sexual assault, general crime, domestic violence, and child abuse.

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Lists services for which grants can be provided and states that services funded must include victims of crime in underserved communities.

Allows up to 5% of the appropriation to be used for grant administration.

Subd. 5. 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. 6. Immunity. Clarifies that this section does not alter or amend the liabilities and protections offered under United States Code, title 47, section 230 (protection for private blocking and screening of offensive material).

Effective date. This section is effective August 1, 2026.

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