

**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY****State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****HB3030**

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

New Act

Creates the Removal of Unlawful Publications of Obscene and Harmful Depictions On Social Media Platforms Act. Provides that, following a report to a social media platform that an obscene depiction or otherwise harmful depiction by computer has been unlawfully published on the social media platform, the subject report must be promptly investigated for credibility, and if deemed credible, the subject image must be promptly removed by the operator of the social media platform within 24 hours of the submission of the report. Provides that, upon a finding of credibility by the social media platform that a report that an obscene depiction or otherwise harmful depiction by computer has been unlawfully published on the social media platform, the report, accompanied with any and all identifying information of the publisher of the unlawfully published obscene depiction or otherwise harmful depiction by computer media image, must be reported to the Office of the Attorney General. Provides that, whenever it appears to the Attorney General, upon report, complaint or otherwise by a social media platform or other person or entity, that any person, within or outside the State, has unlawfully published an obscene depiction or otherwise harmful depiction by computer, on a social media platform, the Attorney General may bring an action or proceeding, in the name and on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, to: (1) enjoin any violation of the Act; (2) obtain restitution of any moneys or property obtained directly or indirectly by any such violation; (3) obtain disgorgement of any profits or gains obtained directly or indirectly by any such violation; (4) obtain damages caused directly or indirectly by any such violation; (5) obtain civil penalties not exceeding \$25,000 per violation; and (6) obtain any such other and further relief as the court may deem proper, including preliminary relief. Defines terms. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning social media.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Removal of Unlawful Publications of Obscene and Harmful  
6 Depictions On Social Media Platforms Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

8 "Depiction by computer" means a computer program or data  
9 that, after being processed by a computer either alone or in  
10 conjunction with one or more computer programs, results in a  
11 visual depiction on a computer monitor, screen, or display.

12 "Harm" means physical harm, economic harm, reputational  
13 injury, or emotional distress whether or not accompanied by  
14 physical or economic harm.

15 "Obscene depiction" means a visual representation of any  
16 kind, including an image, video, or computer-generated image  
17 or video, whether made, produced, or altered by electronic,  
18 mechanical, or other means, that:

19 (1) the average person, applying contemporary adult  
20 community standards, would find that, taken as a whole,  
21 appeals to the prurient interest; and

22 (2) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary,  
23 artistic, political, or scientific value.

1 "Social media platform" means a public or semi-public  
2 Internet-based service or application that has users in  
3 Illinois and that meets both of the following criteria:

4 (1) A substantial function of the service or  
5 application is to connect users in order to allow users to  
6 interact socially with each other within the service or  
7 application. A service or application that provides email  
8 or direct messaging services shall not be considered to  
9 meet this criterion on the basis of that function alone.

10 (2) The service or application allows users to do all  
11 of the following:

12 (A) construct a public or semi-public profile for  
13 purposes of signing into and using the service or  
14 application;

15 (B) populate a list of other users with whom an  
16 individual shares a social connection within the  
17 system; and

18 (C) create or post content viewable or audible by  
19 other users, including, but not limited to, live  
20 streams, on message boards, in chat rooms, or through  
21 a landing page or main feed that presents the user with  
22 content generated by other users.

23 Section 10. Requirement of social media platforms to  
24 promptly remove unlawful publications of obscene images.

25 (a) Following a report to a social media platform that an

1 obscene depiction or otherwise harmful depiction by computer,  
2 has been unlawfully published on the social media platform,  
3 the subject report must be promptly investigated for  
4 credibility, and, if deemed credible, the subject image must  
5 be promptly removed by the operator of the social media  
6 platform within 24 hours of the submission of the report.

7 (b) Upon a finding of credibility by the social media  
8 platform that a report that an obscene depiction or otherwise  
9 harmful depiction by computer has been unlawfully published on  
10 the social media platform, the report, accompanied with any  
11 and all identifying information of the publisher of the  
12 unlawfully published obscene depiction or otherwise harmful  
13 depiction by computer media image, must be reported to the  
14 Office of the Attorney General.

15 Section 15. Enforcement. Whenever it appears to the  
16 Attorney General, upon report, complaint or otherwise by a  
17 social media platform or other person or entity, that any  
18 person, within or outside the State, has unlawfully published  
19 an obscene depiction or otherwise harmful depiction by  
20 computer, on a social media platform, the Attorney General may  
21 bring an action or proceeding in the name and on behalf of the  
22 People of the State of Illinois to:

23 (1) enjoin any violation of this Act;

24 (2) obtain restitution of any moneys or property  
25 obtained directly or indirectly by any such violation;

1           (3) obtain disgorgement of any profits or gains  
2           obtained directly or indirectly by any such violation;

3           (4) obtain damages caused directly or indirectly by  
4           any such violation;

5           (5) obtain civil penalties not exceeding \$25,000 per  
6           violation; and

7           (6) obtain any such other and further relief as the  
8           court may deem proper, including preliminary relief.

9           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10          becoming law.