

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Civil Remedies for Nonconsensual  
5 Dissemination of Private Sexual Images Act is amended by  
6 changing Sections 5 and 15 as follows:

7 (740 ILCS 190/5)

8 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-294)

9 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

10 (1) "Child" means an unemancipated individual who is less  
11 than 18 years of age.

12 (2) "Consent" means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary  
13 authorization by an individual with legal capacity to give  
14 authorization.

15 (3) "Depicted individual" means an individual whose body  
16 is shown, in whole or in part, in a private sexual image.

17 (4) "Dissemination" or "disseminate" means publication or  
18 distribution to another person with intent to disclose.

19 (5) "Harm" means physical harm, economic harm, or  
20 emotional distress whether or not accompanied by physical or  
21 economic harm.

22 (6) "Identifiable" means recognizable by a person other  
23 than the depicted individual:

1 (A) from a private sexual image itself; or

2 (B) from a private sexual image and identifying  
3 characteristic displayed in connection with the image.

4 (7) "Identifying characteristic" means information that  
5 may be used to identify a depicted individual.

6 (8) "Individual" means a human being.

7 (9) "Parent" means an individual recognized as a parent  
8 under laws of this State.

9 (10) "Private" means:

10 (A) created or obtained under circumstances in which a  
11 depicted individual had a reasonable expectation of  
12 privacy; or

13 (B) made accessible through theft, bribery, extortion,  
14 fraud, voyeurism, or exceeding authorized access to an  
15 account, message, file, device, resource, or property.

16 (11) "Person" means an individual, business or nonprofit  
17 entity, public corporation, government or governmental  
18 subdivision, agency, or other legal entity.

19 (12) "Sexual conduct" includes:

20 (A) masturbation;

21 (B) genital sex, anal sex, oral sex, or sexual  
22 activity; or

23 (C) sexual penetration of or with an object.

24 (13) "Sexual activity" means any:

25 (A) knowing touching or fondling by the depicted  
26 individual or another person, either directly or through

1 clothing, of the sex organs, anus, or breast of the  
2 depicted individual or another person for the purpose of  
3 sexual gratification or arousal;

4 (B) transfer or transmission of semen upon any part of  
5 the clothed or unclothed body of the depicted individual,  
6 for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of the  
7 depicted individual or another person;

8 (C) act of urination within a sexual context;

9 (D) bondage, fetish, sadism, or masochism;

10 (E) sadomasochistic abuse in any sexual context; or

11 (F) animal-related sexual activity.

12 (14) "Sexual image" means a photograph, film, videotape,  
13 digital recording, or other similar medium that shows:

14 (A) the fully unclothed, partially unclothed, or  
15 transparently clothed genitals, pubic area, anus, or  
16 female post-pubescent nipple, partially or fully exposed,  
17 of a depicted individual; or

18 (B) a depicted individual engaging in or being  
19 subjected to sexual conduct or activity.

20 (Source: P.A. 101-556, eff. 1-1-20.)

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3 (3) "Depicted individual" means an individual whose face  
4 or body is shown, in whole or in part, in a private sexual  
5 image or digitally altered sexual image.

6 (3.5) "Digitally altered sexual image" means any visual  
7 media, including any photograph, film, videotape digital  
8 recording, or other similar medium, that is created or  
9 substantially altered so that it would falsely appear to a  
10 reasonable person to be an authentic depiction of the  
11 appearance or conduct, or the absence of the appearance or  
12 conduct, of an individual depicted in the media.

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10 female post-pubescent nipple, partially or fully exposed,  
11 of a depicted individual; or

12 (B) a depicted individual engaging in or being  
13 subjected to sexual conduct or activity.

14 (Source: P.A. 103-294, eff. 1-1-24.)

15 (740 ILCS 190/15)

16 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 103-294)

17 Sec. 15. Exceptions to liability.

18 (a) A person is not liable under this Act if the person  
19 proves that the dissemination of or a threat to disseminate a  
20 private sexual image was:

21 (1) made in good faith:

22 (A) by law enforcement;

23 (B) in a legal proceeding; or

24 (C) for medical education or treatment;

25 (2) made in good faith in the reporting or

1 investigation of:

2 (A) unlawful conduct; or

3 (B) unsolicited and unwelcome conduct; or

4 (3) related to a matter of public concern.

5 (b) Subject to subsection (c), a defendant who is a  
6 parent, legal guardian, or individual with legal custody of a  
7 child is not liable under this Act for a dissemination or  
8 threatened dissemination of an intimate private sexual image  
9 of the child.

10 (c) If a defendant asserts an exception to liability under  
11 subsection (b), the exception does not apply if the plaintiff  
12 proves the disclosure was:

13 (1) prohibited by a law other than this Act; or

14 (2) made for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual  
15 gratification, humiliation, degradation, or monetary or  
16 commercial gain.

17 (d) The dissemination of or a threat to disseminate a  
18 private sexual image is not a matter of public concern solely  
19 because the depicted individual is a public figure.

20 (Source: P.A. 101-556, eff. 1-1-20.)

21 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 103-294)

22 Sec. 15. Exceptions to liability.

23 (a) A person is not liable under this Act if the person  
24 proves that the dissemination of or a threat to disseminate a  
25 private sexual image or digitally altered sexual image was:

1 (1) made in good faith:

2 (A) by law enforcement;

3 (B) in a legal proceeding; or

4 (C) for medical education or treatment;

5 (2) made in good faith in the reporting or  
6 investigation of:

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16 subsection (b), the exception does not apply if the plaintiff  
17 proves the disclosure was:

18 (1) prohibited by a law other than this Act; or

19 (2) made for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual  
20 gratification, humiliation, degradation, or monetary or  
21 commercial gain.

22 (d) The dissemination of or a threat to disseminate a  
23 private sexual image is not a matter of public concern solely  
24 because the depicted individual is a public figure or the  
25 image is accompanied by a political message.

26 (Source: P.A. 103-294, eff. 1-1-24.)

1           Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
2 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
3 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
4 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
5 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
6 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
7 Public Act.

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