2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

CRIME: Provides relative to unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another created
by artificial intelligence

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 14:73.14(A) and (D) and 81.1.1(D)(1) and to enact R.S.

3   14:81.1.1(A)(3), relative to computer-related crime; to provide relative to the crime

4   of unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another created by artificial

5   intelligence; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to the crime of sexting; to

6   provide for conduct that constitutes the crime of sexting; to provide for penalties; and

7   to provide for related matters.

8   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9   Section 1. R.S. 14:73.14(A) and (D) and 81.1.1(D)(1) are hereby amended and

10   reenacted and R.S. 14:81.1.1(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11   §73.14. Unlawful possession, dissemination, or sale of images of another created by

12   artificial intelligence

13   A. It shall be is unlawful for any person, with the intent to coerce, harass,

14   intimidate, or maliciously disseminate, possess, or sell any video or still image

15   created by artificial intelligence that depicts another person who is totally nude or in

16   a state of undress so as to expose the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast

17   breasts, when the person disseminating, possessing, or selling the video or still image

18   knows or has reason to know that the person is not licensed or authorized to

19   disseminate, possess, or sell such video or still image.

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1   D.(1) ~~Whoever~~ Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection,

2   whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be imprisoned with or without

3   hard labor for not more than ~~six months~~ one year, fined not more than ~~seven hundred~~

4   ~~fifty~~ one thousand dollars, or both.

5   (2) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section when the victim is under

6   the age of seventeen years shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not

7   more than five years. At least one year of the sentence of imprisonment shall be

8   imposed without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

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10   §81.1.1. "Sexting"; prohibited acts; penalties

11   A.(1)

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13   (3) No person under the age of seventeen years shall knowingly possess, sell,

14   or maliciously disseminate any video or still image created by artificial intelligence

15   that depicts another person who is totally nude or in a state of undress so as to expose

16   the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breasts with the intent to coerce, harass,

17   or intimidate another person when the person disseminating, possessing, or selling

18   the video or still image knows or has reason to know that the person is not licensed

19   or authorized to disseminate, possess, or sell such video or still image.

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21   D.(1) For a violation of the provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) or (3) of this

22   Section, the offender's disposition shall be governed exclusively by the provisions

23   of Title VII of the Louisiana Children's Code.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the unlawful possession, dissemination, or sale of images of another created by artificial intelligence under certain circumstances.

Present law (R.S. 14:73.14) provides for the crime of unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another created by artificial intelligence.

Proposed law amends present law to include possession of images or videos of another created by artificial intelligence as an element of present law.

Present law provides for a penalty of imprisonment for not more than six months, a fine of not more $750, or both.

Proposed law changes the penalties as follows:

(1)   From imprisonment of not more than six months, a fine of not more than $750, or both, to imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than one year, a fine of not more than $1,000, or both.

(2)   When the victim is a minor, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years with at least one year of the sentence being without benefit of probation, suspension of sentence, or parole.

Present law (R.S. 14:81.1.1) provides for the crime of sexting.

Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits a person under the age of 17 from unlawfully disseminating, possessing, or selling images of another created by artificial intelligence.

Present law provides that an offender who violates certain provisions of present law (R.S. 14:81.1(A)(1)) is subject to disposition in accordance with present law (Title VII of the La. Children's Code).

Proposed law retains present law and provides that disposition in accordance with present law (Title VII of the La. Children's Code) shall govern a violation of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 14:73.14(A) and (D) and 81.1.1(D)(1); Adds R.S. 14:81.1.1(A)(3))