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S.F. No. 1857 – Prohibiting Minor Access to Chatbots (First Engrossment)

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SF 1857 prohibits minors from accessing chatbots.

Section 1. [325M.40] MINOR ACCESS TO CHATBOTS.
Subdivision 1 defines "artificial intelligence," "AI companion," "chatbot," "emergency situation," and "minor."

Subdivision 2 prohibits a person who owns a website, application, software, or program to allow a minor to access chatbots for recreational purposes.

A person operating AI companions must ensure that minors are not allowed access to any chatbots.

Subdivision 3 requires a person who offers chatbots for recreational purposes to require an individual to provide proof of the individual's age before allowing the individual to access a chatbot.

Subdivision 4 provides for civil action and attorney general enforcement.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 15, 2027.

Section 2. Transition Period.
Requires a person who provides chatbots to minors to begin decreasing services in a manner that does not harm minors who use chatbots.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective day following final enactment.

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