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A bill for an act

relating to commerce; prohibiting access to nudification technology; imposing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[325E.91] PROHIBITION ON NUDIFICATION TECHNOLOGY.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Intimate part" has the meaning given in section 609.341, subdivision 5.

(c) "Nudify" or "nudified" means the process by which:

(1) an image or video is altered or generated to depict an intimate part not depicted in an original unaltered image or video of an identifiable individual; and

(2) the altered or generated image or video is so realistic that a reasonable person would believe that the intimate part belongs to the identifiable individual.

Subd. 2. **Nudification prohibited.** A person who owns or controls a website, application, software, program, or other service that creates, generates, or edits images or videos must not:

(1) allow a user to access, download, or use the website, application, software, program, or other service to nudify an image or video; or

(2) nudify an image on behalf of a user.

Subd. 3. **Civil action; damages.** An individual depicted in an image or video that was nudified in violation of this section may bring a civil action in district court against the person who violated this section for:

(1) compensatory damages, including mental anguish or suffering, in an amount up to three times the actual damages sustained;

(2) punitive damages;

(3) injunctive relief;

(4) reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements; and

(5) other relief the court deems just and equitable.

Subd. 4. **Penalties.** (a) The attorney general may enforce this section under section 8.31. In addition to other remedies or penalties, a person that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not in excess of $500,000 for each unlawful access, download, or use under subdivision 2.

(b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in law, including but not limited to section 16A.151, any civil penalty recovered under this subdivision must be deposited into the general fund. On July 1 of each year, the accumulated balance of civil penalties collected in the previous year is appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs to provide grants to organizations to provide direct services and advocacy for victims of sexual assault, general crime, domestic violence, and child abuse. Funding must support the direct needs of organizations serving victims of crime by providing: direct client assistance to crime victims; competitive wages for direct service staff; hotel stays and other housing-related supports and services; culturally responsive programming; prevention programming, including domestic abuse transformation and restorative justice programming; and for other needs of organizations and crime victim survivors. Services funded must include services for victims of crime in underserved communities most impacted by violence and reflect the ethnic, racial, economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state. Up to ten percent of the appropriation is available for grant administration.

Subd. 5. **Jurisdiction; venue.** (a) A court has jurisdiction over a civil action filed pursuant to this section if the plaintiff or defendant resides in this state.

(b) A civil action arising under this section may be filed in the county where the plaintiff resides.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to causes of action accruing on or after that date.