

SB8 • Maryland

Criminal Law - Identity Fraud - Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Representations

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (May 12, 2026): Approved by the Governor - Chapter 445

Summary

This bill prohibits individuals from using personal identifying information and AI/deepfake technology to cause harm, with penalties for violations.

Business Impact

If you use AI or deepfake technology in Maryland, you must ensure compliance with identity fraud regulations or face up to \$15,000 in fines.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits individuals from using personal identifying information to cause harm.
- Bans the use of AI or deepfake technology for harmful purposes.
- Establishes penalties of up to 10 years imprisonment for multiple victims.
- Imposes fines up to \$15,000 for violations involving multiple victims.
- Targets both physical injury and emotional distress caused by identity fraud.
- Aims to protect individuals from economic damages related to identity fraud.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure AI and deepfake technologies are not used for harmful purposes. | Who: Businesses and individuals using AI or deepfake technology. | Penalty: Up to \$15,000 in fines and imprisonment.
- Review and update policies on the use of personal identifying information. | Who: Organizations handling personal data. | Penalty: Potential legal consequences for violations.

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Technology

Topics

AI Deepfakes

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Katie Hester	D	Sponsor
Sara Love	D	Sponsor
Shelly Hettleman	D	Sponsor
William Smith	D	Sponsor
Jeff Waldstreicher	D	Sponsor
Nick Charles	D	Sponsor
William Folden	R	Sponsor
Shaneka Henson	D	Sponsor
Mary James	D	Sponsor
Mike McKay	R	Sponsor
Anthony Muse	D	Sponsor
Charles Sydnor	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-04-10	Third Reading Passed	132	0	Passed
2026-03-19	Third Reading Passed	45	0	Passed

Amendments

- Favorable with Amendments 493123/1 Adopted — 2026-03-18 (Adopted)

Related Bills

- HB184 (MD)
- SB 8 (MD)

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