

HB1250 • Maryland

Consumer Protection and Product Liability - Chatbots

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 18, 2026): Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.

Summary

HB1250 regulates chatbot development and operation in Maryland, focusing on user safety and privacy, mandates warnings during chatbot interactions, and includes protections for minors under 13.

Business Impact

If you operate chatbots in Maryland, you must implement user safety warnings and privacy measures by July 1, 2024, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Establishes specific safety and privacy protections for chatbot users, and protections for minors under 13.
- Requires the display of warnings during chatbot interactions.
- Considers a chatbot as a product for certain product liability actions involving defects causing harm.
- Applies provisions of the Act to governmental units, requiring adherence to the same standards.

Compliance Checklist

- Implement safety and privacy measures in chatbot design. | Who: Developers and operators of chatbots. | Penalty: Potential product liability claims.
- Display required warnings during chatbot interactions. | Who: Operators of chatbots. | Penalty: Legal repercussions for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Government

Consumer
Protection

Healthcare

Consumer Services

Technology

Topics

AI Privacy

AI in Social Media &
Online Platforms

User-Facing AI

AI Liability

Bill Sponsors

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Adams		Primary
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Malone		Primary
McComas		Primary
Arikan		Primary
Ciliberti		Primary
Griffith		Primary
Impallaria		Primary
Johnson		Primary
Kaiser		Primary
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Related Bills

- SB827 (MD)

Official Source

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB1250?ys=2026RS>

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