

S0788 • South Carolina

Artificial Intelligence and Therapy or Psychotherapy

In Committee

Risk: High

Sector-Specific

Last Action (Apr 30, 2026): Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

Summary

This bill regulates AI use in therapy, requiring licensed professionals to conduct services, mandates client consent for recorded sessions, and mentions exceptions to confidentiality without specifying them.

Business Impact

If you provide therapy services in South Carolina using AI, you must inform clients and obtain consent or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Therapy services using AI must be conducted by licensed professionals.
- Client consent is required specifically when sessions are recorded.
- AI cannot make independent therapeutic decisions.
- All records and communications must remain confidential, with mentioned exceptions.
- Penalties for violations are established.
- The bill provides definitions related to AI and therapy.

Compliance Checklist

- Inform clients about AI usage and obtain written consent | Who: Licensed professionals providing therapy | Penalty: Up to \$10,000 for violations
- Ensure all records and communications are kept confidential | Who: Licensed professionals | Penalty: Up to \$10,000 for violations

Industries Affected

Mental Health Services

Healthcare

Topics

AI Healthcare

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Allen Blackmon	R	Sponsor
Everett Stubbs	R	Sponsor
Matthew Leber	R	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-04-28	Senate: 2nd Reading	44	0	Passed

Related Bills

- S 788 (SC)

Official Source

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