

HB758 • Virginia

Artificial Intelligence Chatbots and Minors Act; established, prohibited practices, penalties.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 18, 2026): Left in Committee Communications, Technology and Innovation

Summary

The Artificial Intelligence Chatbots and Minors Act prohibits deployers from allowing minors to interact with chatbots with human-like features and mandates age verification.

Business Impact

If you deploy AI chatbots in Virginia, you must implement age verification systems to prevent minors from accessing human-like features or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Deployers must prevent minors from accessing chatbots with human-like features.
- Age verification systems must be implemented by deployers.
- Chatbots with human-like features must not be available to minors.
- Violations are considered prohibited practices under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.
- The bill defines 'human-like features' and 'social artificial intelligence companion'.

Compliance Checklist

- Implement age verification systems for chatbots with human-like features | Who: Deployers of AI chatbots | Penalty: Considered a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act
- Ensure chatbots classified as social AI companions are not accessible to minors | Who: Deployers of social AI chatbots | Penalty: Considered a prohibited practice under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act

Industries Affected

Topics

Comprehensive AI

User-Facing AI

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Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-02-04	Subcommittee recommends laying on the table	7	3	Passed

Related Bills

- HB635 (VA)
- SB796 (VA)

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