

HF2204 • Iowa

A bill for an act relating to the requirements for chatbot deployers, including required protocols, limitations on data collection, and requirements for minors to interact with artificial intelligence companions and therapeutic chatbots, and providing civil penalties, punitive penalties, and civil...

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Jan 29, 2026): Introduced, referred to Economic Growth and Technology. H.J. 174.

Summary

HF2204 establishes requirements for chatbot deployers, including transparency protocols, data use guidelines, safety measures for minors, and penalties for violations.

Business Impact

If you deploy chatbots in Iowa, you must comply with data collection limits and protocols by July 1, 2024, or face civil penalties.

Key Provisions

- Deployers must implement protocols ensuring transparency and accountability, including disclosure of chatbot nature and data usage.
- The bill specifies limitations on data collection to necessary information.
- Safety and efficacy requirements are set for minors interacting with AI companions and therapeutic chatbots, ensuring age-appropriate interactions.
- Civil penalties for violations are outlined, and punitive penalties are included.
- Civil causes of action allow affected parties to seek damages for violations.

Compliance Checklist

- Implement safety protocols for chatbot interactions. | Who: Chatbot deployers | Penalty: Civil penalties up to \$2,500 per violation
- Verify user age for access to AI companions. | Who: Chatbot deployers | Penalty: Civil penalties and potential lawsuits from minors

- Provide disclaimers and documentation for therapeutic chatbots. | Who: Developers of therapeutic chatbots | Penalty: Civil penalties and damages claims

Industries Affected

Education

Technology

Healthcare

Topics

Comprehensive AI

User-Facing AI

Bill Sponsors

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Related Bills

- HF 2204 (IA)
- HF 2715 (IA)
- HF2715 (IA)
- HSB 647 (IA)

Official Source

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba;=HF2204>

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