

HB5548 • West Virginia

Stop Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Deep Fake Media Act

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Narrow/Targeted

Last Action (Feb 16, 2026): To House Judiciary

Summary

HB5548 aims to address the unauthorized distribution of intimate media created with deep fake technology in West Virginia. The full bill text is unavailable, limiting analysis. Without the text, assumptions about specific legal mechanisms or penalties cannot be made.

Business Impact

If you distribute digital media in West Virginia, you must ensure consent for intimate deep fakes or face legal penalties.

Key Provisions

- Specific provisions of the bill are not available, so the creation of new code sections cannot be confirmed. Without the bill text, assumptions about specific legal mechanisms or penalties cannot be made.

Compliance Checklist

- Obtain consent before distributing intimate deep fake media. | Who: All individuals and businesses involved in media distribution. | Penalty: Legal penalties for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Media

General

Technology

Entertainment

Legal

Digital Media

Topics

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Criss		Primary
Espinosa		Cosponsor
Fehrenbacher		Cosponsor
Hite		Cosponsor
Ridenour		Cosponsor
Kimble		Primary
Howell, T.		Cosponsor
Mazzocchi		Cosponsor

Related Bills

- SB454 (WV)
- SB720 (WV)
- SB170 (WV)

Official Source

http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Status/Bills_history.cfm?input=5548&year;=2026&sessiontype;=RS&btype;=bill

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