

# S2195 • Rhode Island

Creates additional safety features for AI companion technology that include addressing suicidal ideation, potential physical harm or financial harm to others expressed by a user. It also requires notification the AI companion does not have human emotions.

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (May 22, 2026): Referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

## Summary

The Rhode Island bill mandates safety features for AI companions, addressing user expressions of suicidal ideation and harm, and clarifies that AI lacks human emotions.

## Business Impact

If you develop or deploy AI companion technology in Rhode Island, you must implement safety features and disclose emotional limitations by the effective date or face penalties.

## Key Provisions

- Requires AI companions to address suicidal ideation expressed by users.
- Mandates features to mitigate potential physical or financial harm to others.
- Requires clear notification that AI companions do not have human emotions.

## Compliance Checklist

- Implement safety features addressing suicidal ideation and harm. | Who: Developers of AI companion technology | Penalty: To be determined based on enforcement provisions.
- Notify users that AI companions lack human emotions. | Who: Developers of AI companion technology | Penalty: To be determined based on enforcement provisions.

## Industries Affected

Technology

Mental Health

Finance

## Bill Sponsors

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Name	Party	Role
Lori Urso	D	Sponsor
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## Roll Call Votes

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Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-05-21	Passage	36	0	Passed
2026-05-14	Senate Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Emer	4	0	Passed
2026-03-24	Senate Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Emer	7	0	Passed

## Related Bills

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- H7350 (RI)
- SB 2195 (RI)
- HB 7350 (RI)
- A06767 (NY)
- SB 3384 (IL)

## Official Source

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