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Artificial Intelligence - Implementation Causing Injury or Death - Civil and Criminal Liability

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Effective: Oct 01, 2023 | Last Action (Feb 15, 2023): Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.

Summary

The bill establishes strict liability for those who intentionally create AI software designed to cause harm and prohibits using AI-directed implements for harm.

Business Impact

If you design AI software in Maryland, you must ensure it cannot cause harm or face strict liability for damages by October 1, 2023.

Key Provisions

- Establishes strict liability for AI software creators if their product is intentionally designed to cause injury or death.
- Prohibits the use of AI-directed physical implements that can harm others.
- Establishes civil liability but does not detail specific penalties for non-compliance.
- Effective date is October 1, 2023.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure AI software does not have the capability to cause physical harm. | Who: AI software developers and creators. | Penalty: Strict liability for damages.
- Avoid using AI to control physical implements that can cause injury. | Who: Businesses utilizing AI technologies. | Penalty: Civil penalties for violations.

Industries Affected

Artificial Intelligence

Law Enforcement

Technology

Software Development

Topics

AI Liability

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
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Official Source

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