

HF 2204 • 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

HF 2204 establishes requirements for chatbot deployers, including data collection limits and protocols for interactions with minors, allowing minors to recover damages for non-compliance.

Business Impact

If you deploy chatbots in Iowa, you must implement age verification and safety protocols or face penalties up to \$2,500 per violation.

Key Provisions

- Deployers must implement safety protocols prioritizing user well-being.
- Age verification is required to prevent minors from using AI companions.
- Therapeutic chatbots for minors must meet specific safety and documentation standards.
- Impersonation of individuals without permission is prohibited.
- Civil penalties for violations can reach \$2,500 per incident, with penalties deposited into the state's general fund.
- The attorney general can enforce compliance and seek injunctions.
- Minors can recover damages for using non-compliant chatbots, including punitive damages and attorney fees.

Compliance Checklist

- Implement safety protocols for chatbot interactions | Who: Chatbot deployers | Penalty: Up to \$2,500 per violation

- Establish age verification measures for AI companions | Who: Chatbot deployers | Penalty: Up to \$2,500 per violation
- Provide disclaimers and documentation for therapeutic chatbots | Who: Therapeutic chatbot deployers | Penalty: Up to \$2,500 per violation

Industries Affected

- Healthcare
- Mental Health
- Education
- Technology
- Consumer Services

Topics

- Comprehensive AI
- User-Facing AI

Bill Sponsors

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Related Bills

- HF2204 (IA)
- HF 2715 (IA)
- HF2715 (IA)
- HSB 647 (IA)

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