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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.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Sector-Specific

Last Action (Apr 08, 2026): Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Summary

The Rhode Island bill mandates safety features for AI companions, addressing suicidal ideation and harm to others, and clarifies that AI lacks human emotions. It is part of the 'COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPANION MODELS'.

Business Impact

If you use AI companion technology, you must implement safety features and disclose emotional limitations by January 1, 2025, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

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

Compliance Checklist

- Implement safety features to address suicidal ideation and harm. | Who: Developers and providers of AI companion technologies. | Penalty: Unspecified penalties for non-compliance.
- Provide clear notifications about the emotional capabilities of AI companions. | Who: Developers and providers of AI companion technologies. | Penalty: Unspecified penalties for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Related Bills

- S2195 (RI)
- HB 7350 (RI)
- SB 2195 (RI)
- A06767 (NY)

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