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To require artificial intelligence chatbots to implement age verification measures and make certain disclosures, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KELLY, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. LEE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. COTTON, Mr. WELCH, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Reported by Mr. GRASSLEY, with an amendment

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A BILL

To require artificial intelligence chatbots to implement age verification measures and make certain disclosures, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Guidelines for User
3 Age-verification and Responsible Dialogue Act of 2025”
4 or the “GUARD Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

7 (1) Artificial intelligence chatbots are increas-
8 ingly being deployed on social media platforms and
9 in consumer applications used by minors.

10 (2) These chatbots can generate and dissemi-
11 nate harmful or sexually explicit content to children.

12 (3) These chatbots can manipulate emotions
13 and influence behavior in ways that exploit the de-
14 velopmental vulnerabilities of minors.

15 (4) The widespread availability of such chatbots
16 exposes children to physical and psychological safety
17 risks, including grooming, addiction, self-harm, and
18 harm to others.

19 (5) Protecting children from artificial intel-
20 ligence chatbots that simulate human interaction
21 without accountability is a compelling governmental
22 interest.

23 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act:

1 (1) AI COMPANION.—The term “AI com-
 2 panion” means an artificial intelligence chatbot
 3 that—

4 (A) provides adaptive, human-like re-
 5 sponses to user inputs; and

6 (B) is designed to encourage or facilitate
 7 the simulation of interpersonal or emotional
 8 interaction, friendship, companionship, or
 9 therapeutic communication.

10 (2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHATBOT.—The
 11 term “artificial intelligence chatbot”—

12 (A) means any interactive computer service
 13 or software application that—

14 (i) produces new expressive content or
 15 responses not fully predetermined by the
 16 developer or operator of the service or ap-
 17 plication; and

18 (ii) accepts open-ended natural lan-
 19 guage or multimodal user input and pro-
 20 duces adaptive or context-responsive out-
 21 put; and

22 (B) does not include an interactive com-
 23 puter service or software application—

24 (i) the responses of which are limited
 25 to contextualized replies; and

1 (ii) that is unable to respond on a
 2 range of topics outside of a narrow speci-
 3 fied purpose.

4 ~~(3) COVERED ENTITY.~~—The term “covered en-
 5 tity” means any person who owns, operates, or oth-
 6 erwise makes available an artificial intelligence
 7 chatbot to individuals in the United States.

8 ~~(4) MINOR.~~—The term “minor” means any in-
 9 dividual who has not attained 18 years of age.

10 ~~(5) REASONABLE AGE VERIFICATION MEAS-~~
 11 ~~URE.~~—The term “reasonable age verification meas-
 12 ure” means a method that is authenticated to relate
 13 to a user of an artificial intelligence chatbot, such
 14 as—

15 ~~(A) a government-issued identification; or~~
 16 ~~(B) any other commercially reasonable~~
 17 ~~method that can reliably and accurately—~~

18 ~~(i) determine whether a user is an~~
 19 ~~adult; and~~

20 ~~(ii) prevent access by minors to AI~~
 21 ~~companions, as required by section 6.~~

22 ~~(6) REASONABLE AGE VERIFICATION PROC-~~
 23 ~~ESS.~~—The term “reasonable age verification proc-
 24 ess” means an age verification process employed by
 25 a covered entity that—

(A) uses one or more reasonable age verification measures in order to verify the age of a user of an artificial intelligence chatbot owned, operated, or otherwise made available by the covered entity;

(B) provides that requiring a user to confirm that the user is not a minor, or to insert the user's birth date, is not sufficient to constitute a reasonable age verification measure;

(C) ensures that each user is subjected to each reasonable age verification measure used by the covered entity as part of the age verification process; and

(D) does not base verification of a user's age on factors such as whether the user shares an Internet Protocol address, hardware identifier, or other technical indicator with another user determined to not be a minor.

SEC. 4. CRIMINAL PROHIBITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 5 the following:

“CHAPTER 6—ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

“Sec.

“91. Artificial intelligence chatbots.

1 **“§ 91. Artificial intelligence chatbots**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHATBOT.—

4 The term ‘artificial intelligence chatbot’—

5 “(A) means any interactive computer serv-
6 ice or software application that—

7 “(i) produces new expressive content
8 or responses not fully predetermined by the
9 developer or operator of the service or ap-
10 plication; and

11 “(ii) accepts open-ended natural-lan-
12 guage or multimodal user input and pro-
13 duces adaptive or context-responsive out-
14 put; and

15 “(B) does not include an interactive com-
16 puter service or software application—

17 “(i) the responses of which are limited
18 to contextualized replies; and

19 “(ii) that is unable to respond on a
20 range of topics outside of a narrow speci-
21 fied purpose.

22 “(2) MINOR.—The term ‘minor’ means any in-
23 dividual who has not attained 18 years of age.

24 “(3) SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT.—The term
25 ‘sexually explicit conduct’ has the meaning given the
26 term in section 2256.

1 “(b) SOLICITATION OF MINORS.—

2 “(1) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful to design,
3 develop, or make available an artificial intelligence
4 chatbot, knowing or with reckless disregard for the
5 fact that the artificial intelligence chatbot poses a
6 risk of soliciting, encouraging, or inducing minors
7 to—

8 “(A) engage in, describe, or simulate sexu-
9 ally explicit conduct; or

10 “(B) create or transmit any visual depic-
11 tion of sexually explicit conduct, including any
12 visual depiction described in section 1466A(a).

13 “(2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates para-
14 graph (1) shall be fined not more than \$100,000 per
15 offense.

16 “(c) PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE.—

17 “(1) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful to design,
18 develop, or make available an artificial intelligence
19 chatbot, knowing or with reckless disregard for the
20 fact that the artificial intelligence chatbot encour-
21 ages, promotes, or coerces suicide, non-suicidal self-
22 injury, or imminent physical or sexual violence.

23 “(2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates para-
24 graph (1) shall be fined not more than \$100,000 per
25 offense.”.

1 (b) ~~TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—~~

2 The table of chapters for part I of title 18, United States
3 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
4 chapter 5 the following:

“6. Artificial intelligence 91”.

5 **SEC. 5. COVERED ENTITY OBLIGATIONS.**

6 (a) ~~CREATION OF USER ACCOUNTS.—~~A covered enti-
7 ty shall require each individual accessing an artificial in-
8 telligence chatbot to make a user account in order to use
9 or otherwise interact with such chatbot.

10 (b) ~~AGE VERIFICATION.—~~

11 (1) ~~AGE VERIFICATION OF EXISTING AC-~~
12 COUNTS.—With respect to each user account of an
13 artificial intelligence chatbot that exists as of the ef-
14 fective date of this Act, a covered entity shall—

15 (A) on such date, freeze any such account;

16 (B) in order to restore the functionality of
17 such account, require that the user provide age
18 data that is verifiable using a reasonable age
19 verification process, subject to paragraph (4);
20 and

21 (C) using such age data, classify each user
22 as a minor or an adult.

23 (2) ~~AGE VERIFICATION OF NEW ACCOUNTS.—~~At
24 the time an individual creates a new user account to

1 use or interact with an artificial intelligence chatbot,
 2 a covered entity shall—

3 (A) request age data from the individual;

4 (B) verify the individual's age using a rea-
 5 sonable age verification process, subject to
 6 paragraph (4); and

7 (C) using such age data, classify each user
 8 as a minor or an adult.

9 (3) PERIODIC AGE VERIFICATION.—A covered
 10 entity shall periodically review previously verified
 11 user accounts using a reasonable age verification
 12 process, subject to paragraph (4), to ensure compli-
 13 ance with this Act.

14 (4) USE OF THIRD PARTIES.—For purposes of
 15 paragraphs (1)(B), (2)(B), and (3), a covered entity
 16 may contract with a third party to employ reason-
 17 able age verification measures as part of the covered
 18 entity's reasonable age verification process, but the
 19 use of such a third party shall not relieve the cov-
 20 ered entity of its obligations under this Act or from
 21 liability under this Act.

22 (5) AGE VERIFICATION MEASURE DATA SECU-
 23 RITY.—A covered entity—

24 (A) shall establish, implement, and main-
 25 tain reasonable data security to—

1 (i) limit collection of personal data to
 2 that which is minimally necessary to verify
 3 a user's age or maintain compliance with
 4 this Act; and

5 (ii) protect such age verification data
 6 against unauthorized access;

7 (B) shall protect such age verification data
 8 against unauthorized access;

9 (C) shall protect the integrity and con-
 10 fidentiality of such data by only transmitting
 11 such data using industry-standard encryption
 12 protocols;

13 (D) shall retain such data for no longer
 14 than is reasonably necessary to verify a user's
 15 age or maintain compliance with this Act; and

16 (E) may not share with, transfer to, or sell
 17 to, any other entity such data.

18 (c) ~~REQUIRED DISCLOSURES FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-~~
 19 ~~LIGENCE CHATBOTS.—~~

20 (1) ~~DISCLOSURE OF NON-HUMAN STATUS.—~~

21 Each artificial intelligence chatbot made available to
 22 users shall—

23 (A) at the initiation of each conversation
 24 with a user and at 30-minute intervals, clearly
 25 and conspicuously disclose to the user that the

1 chatbot is an artificial intelligence system and
2 not a human being; and

3 (B) be programmed to ensure that the
4 chatbot does not claim to be a human being or
5 otherwise respond deceptively when asked by a
6 user if the chatbot is a human being.

7 (2) DISCLOSURE REGARDING NON-PROFES-
8 SIONAL STATUS.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—An artificial intel-
10 ligence chatbot may not represent, directly or
11 indirectly, that the chatbot is a licensed profes-
12 sional, including a therapist, physician, lawyer,
13 financial advisor, or other professional.

14 (B) OTHER LIMITATIONS.—Each artificial
15 intelligence chatbot made available to users
16 shall, at the initiation of each conversation with
17 a user and at reasonably regular intervals,
18 clearly and conspicuously disclose to the user
19 that—

20 (i) the chatbot does not provide med-
21 ical, legal, financial, or psychological serv-
22 ices; and

23 (ii) users of the chatbot should con-
24 sult a licensed professional for such advice.

1 **SEC. 6. PROHIBITION ON MINOR USE OF AI COMPANIONS.**

2 If the age verification process described in section
3 5(b) determines that an individual is a minor, a covered
4 entity shall prohibit the minor from accessing or using any
5 AI companion owned, operated, or otherwise made avail-
6 able by the covered entity.

7 **SEC. 7. ENFORCEMENT.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of a violation of sec-
9 tion 5 or 6, or a regulation promulgated thereunder, the
10 Attorney General may bring a civil action in an appro-
11 priate district court of the United States to—

12 (1) enjoin the violation;

13 (2) enforce compliance with section 5 or 6, or
14 the regulation promulgated thereunder; or

15 (3) obtain civil penalties under subsection (c) of
16 this section, restitution, and other appropriate relief.

17 (b) **ATTORNEY GENERAL POWERS.**—

18 (1) **INVESTIGATORY POWERS.**—For the purpose
19 of conducting investigations or bringing enforcement
20 actions under this section, the Attorney General may
21 issue subpoenas, administer oaths, and compel the
22 production of documents or testimony.

23 (2) **RULEMAKING.**—The Attorney General may
24 promulgate any regulations necessary to carry out
25 this Act.

26 (c) **CIVIL PENALTIES.**—

1 (1) ~~IN GENERAL.—Any person who violates sec-~~
2 ~~tion 5 or 6, or a regulation promulgated thereunder,~~
3 ~~shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed~~
4 ~~\$100,000 for each violation.~~

5 (2) ~~SEPARATE VIOLATIONS.—Each violation de-~~
6 ~~scribed in paragraph (1) shall be considered a sepa-~~
7 ~~rate violation.~~

8 (d) ~~STATE ENFORCEMENT.—In any case in which the~~
9 ~~attorney general of a State has reason to believe that an~~
10 ~~interest of the residents of that State has been or is~~
11 ~~threatened or adversely affected by the engagement of any~~
12 ~~covered entity in a violation of this Act or a regulation~~
13 ~~promulgated thereunder, the State, as parens patriae, may~~
14 ~~bring a civil action on behalf of the residents of the State~~
15 ~~in a district court of the United States or a State court~~
16 ~~of appropriate jurisdiction to obtain injunctive relief.~~

17 (e) ~~RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAWS.—Nothing in~~
18 ~~this Act or an amendment made by this Act, or any regu-~~
19 ~~lation promulgated thereunder, shall be construed to pro-~~
20 ~~hibit or otherwise affect the enforcement of any State law~~
21 ~~or regulation that is at least as protective of users of artifi-~~
22 ~~cial intelligence chatbots as this Act and the amendments~~
23 ~~made by this Act, and the regulations promulgated there-~~
24 ~~under.~~

1 **SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
3 take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date
4 of enactment of this Act.

5 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

6 *This Act may be cited as the “Guidelines for User Age-*
7 *verification and Responsible Dialogue Act of 2026” or the*
8 *“GUARD Act”.*

9 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

10 *Congress finds the following:*

11 *(1) Artificial intelligence companions are in-*
12 *creasingly being deployed on social media platforms*
13 *and in consumer applications used by minors.*

14 *(2) These companions can generate and dissemi-*
15 *nate harmful or sexually explicit content to children.*

16 *(3) These companions can manipulate emotions*
17 *and influence behavior in ways that exploit the devel-*
18 *opmental vulnerabilities of minors.*

19 *(4) The widespread availability of such compan-*
20 *ions exposes children to physical and psychological*
21 *safety risks, including grooming, addiction, self-harm,*
22 *and harm to others.*

23 *(5) Protecting children from artificial intel-*
24 *ligence companions that simulate human interaction*
25 *without accountability is a compelling governmental*
26 *interest.*

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 *In this Act:*

3 (1) *AI COMPANION.*—*The term “AI companion”*
 4 *means an artificial intelligence chatbot that, in a*
 5 *manner that simulates a sustained interpersonal rela-*
 6 *tionship or emotional interaction with the user—*

7 *(A) exhibits persistent responses suggesting*
 8 *affection or attachment directed toward the user*
 9 *or engages in interactions involving emotional*
 10 *disclosures from the user; or*

11 *(B) presents at least one persistent identity,*
 12 *persona, or character and holds itself out as a*
 13 *sentient being, fictional character, or social enti-*
 14 *ty.*

15 (2) *ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHATBOT.*—*The*
 16 *term “artificial intelligence chatbot”—*

17 *(A) means any interactive computer service*
 18 *or software application that—*

19 *(i) generates responses that are not*
 20 *fully predetermined; and*

21 *(ii) accepts open-ended, natural-lan-*
 22 *guage or multimodal user input and pro-*
 23 *duces adaptive or context-responsive output;*
 24 *and*

25 *(B) does not include an interactive com-*
 26 *puter service or software application—*

- 1 (i) the responses of which are limited
 2 to contextualized replies; and
 3 (ii) that is unable to respond on a
 4 range of topics outside of a narrow specified
 5 purpose.

6 (3) *COVERED ENTITY*.—The term “covered enti-
 7 ty” means any person who makes publicly available
 8 to end consumers an artificial intelligence chatbot.

9 (4) *MINOR*.—The term “minor” means any indi-
 10 vidual who has not attained 18 years of age.

11 (5) *REASONABLE AGE VERIFICATION MEAS-*
 12 *URE*.—The term “reasonable age verification meas-
 13 ure” means a method that, whether alone or in con-
 14 junction with other age verification measures, can,
 15 with reasonable certainty, determine whether the user
 16 of an interactive computer service or software appli-
 17 cation is an adult, such as—

18 (A) a verified form of identification;

19 (B) age information associated with the
 20 user’s account at a financial institution, such as
 21 a credit card, that is derived from a verified
 22 form of identification submitted to the financial
 23 institution;

24 (C) age information associated with the
 25 user’s account for the operating system of a com-

puter, mobile device, or other general purpose computing device that is derived from a verified form of identification submitted to the operating system provider;

(D) age information associated with the user's account for a software application store that is derived from a verified form of identification submitted to the store or operating system provider; or

(E) any other commercially reasonable method that can determine whether a user is an adult.

(6) *REASONABLE AGE VERIFICATION PROCESS.*—

The term “reasonable age verification process” means an age verification process employed by a covered entity that—

(A) uses 1 or more reasonable age verification measures in order to, with reasonable certainty, determine whether the user of an interactive computer service or software application is an adult;

(B) does not solely require a user to confirm that the user is not a minor or to insert the user's birth date; and

1 (C) does not base the verification of a user's
 2 adult status on factors such as whether the user
 3 shares an Internet Protocol address, hardware
 4 identifier, or other technical indicator with an-
 5 other user determined to not be a minor.

6 (7) *VERIFIED FORM OF IDENTIFICATION*.—The
 7 term “verified form of identification” means—

8 (A) a government-issued identification that
 9 can determine the adult status of the person
 10 identified; or

11 (B) another form of identification corrobo-
 12 rated by authentic documentation that can, with
 13 reasonable certainty, determine the adult status
 14 of the person identified.

15 **SEC. 4. CRIMINAL PROHIBITIONS.**

16 (a) *IN GENERAL*.—Part I of title 18, United States
 17 Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 5 the following:

18 **“CHAPTER 6—ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

“Sec.

“91. Artificial intelligence chatbots.

19 **“§91. Artificial intelligence chatbots**

20 “(a) *DEFINITIONS*.—In this section:

21 “(1) *ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHATBOT*.—The
 22 term ‘artificial intelligence chatbot’—

23 “(A) means any interactive computer serv-
 24 ice or software application that—

1 “(i) generates responses that are not
2 fully predetermined; and

3 “(ii) accepts open-ended, natural-lan-
4 guage or multimodal user input and pro-
5 duces adaptive or context-responsive output;
6 and

7 “(B) does not include an interactive com-
8 puter service or software application—

9 “(i) the responses of which are limited
10 to contextualized replies; and

11 “(ii) that is unable to respond on a
12 range of topics outside of a narrow specified
13 purpose.

14 “(2) MINOR.—The term ‘minor’ means any indi-
15 vidual who has not attained 18 years of age.

16 “(3) SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT.—The term
17 ‘sexually explicit conduct’ has the meaning given the
18 term in section 2256(2)(A).

19 “(b) OFFENSE RELATING TO SEXUALLY EXPLICIT
20 CONDUCT.—

21 “(1) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful to make
22 publicly available an artificial intelligence chatbot,
23 knowing or with reckless disregard for the fact that
24 the artificial intelligence chatbot—

1 “(A) engages minors in, erotically describes
2 to minors, or erotically simulates to minors sexu-
3 ally explicit conduct or obscene material (as ap-
4 plicable); or

5 “(B) makes available to a minor any mate-
6 rial that erotically depicts, erotically describes,
7 or erotically simulates—

8 “(i) any visual depiction of sexually
9 explicit conduct; or

10 “(ii) any visual depiction described in
11 section 1466A(a).

12 “(2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates para-
13 graph (1) shall be fined not more than \$250,000 per
14 offense.

15 “(c) OFFENSE RELATING TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE.—

16 “(1) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful to make
17 publicly available an artificial intelligence chatbot,
18 knowing or with reckless disregard for the fact that
19 the artificial intelligence chatbot solicits, induces, or
20 coerces minors to commit suicide or carry out non-su-
21 icidal self-injury, imminent unlawful physical or sex-
22 ual violence, or homicide.

23 “(2) PENALTY.—Any person who violates para-
24 graph (1) shall be fined not more than \$250,000 per
25 offense.”.

1 (b) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—The
 2 *table of chapters for part I of title 18, United States Code,*
 3 *is amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter*
 4 *5 the following:*

“6. Artificial intelligence 91”.

5 **SEC. 5. COVERED ENTITY OBLIGATIONS.**

6 (a) *CREATION OF USER ACCOUNTS.*—A covered entity
 7 *shall require each individual accessing an AI companion*
 8 *to make a user account in order to use or otherwise interact*
 9 *with the AI companion.*

10 (b) *AGE VERIFICATION.*—

11 (1) *AGE VERIFICATION OF EXISTING AC-*
 12 *COUNTS.*—With respect to each user account of an AI
 13 *companion that exists as of the effective date of this*
 14 *Act, a covered entity shall—*

15 (A) *on that date, freeze the account;*

16 (B) *in order to restore the functionality of*
 17 *the account, require verification that the user is*
 18 *an adult using a reasonable age verification*
 19 *process, subject to paragraph (4); and*

20 (C) *using the verification described in sub-*
 21 *paragraph (B), classify the user as a minor or*
 22 *an adult.*

23 (2) *AGE VERIFICATION OF NEW ACCOUNTS.*—At
 24 *the time an individual creates a new user account to*

1 *use or interact with an AI companion, a covered enti-*
 2 *ty shall—*

3 *(A) require verification that the user is an*
 4 *adult using a reasonable age verification process,*
 5 *subject to paragraph (4); and*

6 *(B) using the verification described in sub-*
 7 *paragraph (A), classify the user as a minor or*
 8 *an adult.*

9 *(3) PERIODIC AGE VERIFICATION.—A covered en-*
 10 *tity shall periodically re-verify previously verified*
 11 *user accounts using a reasonable age verification*
 12 *process, subject to paragraph (4), to ensure compli-*
 13 *ance with this Act.*

14 *(4) USE OF THIRD PARTIES.—For purposes of*
 15 *paragraphs (1)(B), (2)(A), and (3), a covered enti-*
 16 *ty—*

17 *(A) subject to subparagraph (B), may con-*
 18 *tract with a third party to employ reasonable*
 19 *age verification measures as part of the covered*
 20 *entity's reasonable age verification process, but*
 21 *the use of such a third party shall not relieve the*
 22 *covered entity of its obligations under this Act or*
 23 *from liability under this Act; and*

24 *(B) may not contract with a third party*
 25 *closely affiliated with, incorporated in, organized*

1 *under the laws of, or with a principal place of*
 2 *business in, a covered nation, as defined in sec-*
 3 *tion 4872 of title 10, United States Code.*

4 (5) *AGE VERIFICATION MEASURE DATA SECUR-*
 5 *ITY.—A covered entity and any third party used by*
 6 *a covered entity to employ reasonable age verification*
 7 *measures under paragraph (4)—*

8 (A) *shall establish, implement, and main-*
 9 *tain reasonable data security to—*

10 (i) *limit collection of personal data to*
 11 *that which is minimally necessary to verify*
 12 *a user’s adult status or maintain compli-*
 13 *ance with this Act; and*

14 (ii) *protect such age verification data*
 15 *against unauthorized access;*

16 (B) *shall protect such age verification data*
 17 *against unauthorized access;*

18 (C) *shall protect the integrity and confiden-*
 19 *tiality of such data by only transmitting such*
 20 *data using industry-standard encryption proto-*
 21 *cols;*

22 (D) *shall retain such data for no longer*
 23 *than is reasonably necessary to verify a user’s*
 24 *adult status or maintain compliance with this*
 25 *Act; and*

1 (E) may not share with, transfer to, or sell
2 to, any other entity such data.

3 (c) *REQUIRED DISCLOSURES FOR ARTIFICIAL INTEL-*
4 *LIGENCE CHATBOTS.—*

5 (1) *DISCLOSURE OF NON-HUMAN STATUS.—Each*
6 *artificial intelligence chatbot made publicly available*
7 *to end consumers shall—*

8 (A) *at the initiation of each conversation*
9 *with a user, clearly and conspicuously disclose to*
10 *the user that the chatbot is an artificial intel-*
11 *ligence system and not a human being; and*

12 (B) *be programmed to ensure that the*
13 *chatbot does not claim to be a human being or*
14 *otherwise respond deceptively when asked by a*
15 *user if the chatbot is a human being.*

16 (2) *DISCLOSURE REGARDING NON-PROFESSIONAL*
17 *STATUS.—*

18 (A) *IN GENERAL.—An artificial intelligence*
19 *chatbot made publicly available to end con-*
20 *sumers may not represent, directly or indirectly,*
21 *that the chatbot is a licensed professional, in-*
22 *cluding a therapist, physician, lawyer, financial*
23 *advisor, or other professional.*

24 (B) *OTHER LIMITATIONS.—Each artificial*
25 *intelligence chatbot made publicly available to*

end consumers shall, at the initiation of each conversation with a user and at reasonably regular intervals, clearly and conspicuously disclose to the user that—

(i) the chatbot does not provide medical, legal, financial, or psychological services; and

(ii) users of the chatbot should consult a licensed professional for such advice.

SEC. 6. PROHIBITION ON MINOR USE OF AI COMPANIONS.

If the age verification process described in section 5(b) determines that an individual is a minor, a covered entity shall prohibit the minor from accessing or using any AI companion made publicly available to end consumers by the covered entity.

SEC. 7. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*In the case of a violation of section 5 or 6, or a regulation promulgated thereunder, the Attorney General may bring a civil action in an appropriate district court of the United States to—*

(1) *enjoin the violation;*

(2) *enforce compliance with section 5 or 6, or the regulation promulgated thereunder; or*

(3) *obtain civil penalties under subsection (c) of this section, restitution, and other appropriate relief.*

1 (b) *ATTORNEY GENERAL RULEMAKING.*—

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to paragraph (2), the
3 Attorney General may promulgate any regulations
4 necessary to carry out section 5 or 6 of this Act and
5 the amendments made by this Act.

6 (2) *LIMITATION.*—No regulation promulgated
7 under paragraph (1) may—

8 (A) impose a requirement on a covered enti-
9 ty that is not expressly authorized by this Act or
10 an amendment made by this Act; or

11 (B) address the development, deployment, or
12 general operation of artificial intelligence sys-
13 tems outside the scope of obligations and offenses
14 set forth in this Act and the amendments made
15 by this Act.

16 (c) *CIVIL PENALTIES.*—

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Any person who violates sec-
18 tion 5 or 6, or a regulation promulgated thereunder,
19 shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed
20 \$250,000 for each violation.

21 (2) *SEPARATE VIOLATIONS.*—Each violation de-
22 scribed in paragraph (1) shall be considered a sepa-
23 rate violation.

24 (d) *STATE ENFORCEMENT.*—In any case in which the
25 attorney general of a State has reason to believe that an

1 *interest of the residents of that State has been or is threat-*
 2 *ened or adversely affected by the engagement of any covered*
 3 *entity in a violation of section 5 or 6, or a regulation pro-*
 4 *mulgated thereunder, the State, as parens patriae, may*
 5 *bring a civil action on behalf of the residents of the State*
 6 *in a district court of the United States or a State court*
 7 *of appropriate jurisdiction to obtain injunctive relief.*

8 (e) *RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAWS.*—*Nothing in this*
 9 *Act or an amendment made by this Act, or any regulation*
 10 *promulgated thereunder, shall be construed to prohibit or*
 11 *otherwise affect the enforcement of any State law or regula-*
 12 *tion that is at least as protective of users of artificial intel-*
 13 *ligence chatbots as this Act and the amendments made by*
 14 *this Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.*

15 **SEC. 8. SEVERABILITY.**

16 *If any provision of or amendment made by this Act,*
 17 *or the application thereof to any person or circumstance,*
 18 *is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act and*
 19 *the amendments made by this Act, and the application of*
 20 *the provision or amendment to any other person or cir-*
 21 *cumstance, shall not be affected.*

22 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

23 *This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall*
 24 *take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of*
 25 *enactment of this Act.*

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