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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

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**Digital Forgery**

An Act providing for the offense of digital forgery.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

**Section (1).** Offense defined.--A person is guilty of digital forgery if, with intent to defraud or injure anyone, or with knowledge and intent the person is facilitating a fraud or injury to be perpetrated by anyone, the person:

- (1) generates or creates and distributes a forged digital likeness as genuine; and
- (2) knows or reasonably should know the visual representation or audio recording is a forged digital likeness.

**Section (2).** Grading.—Except as further provided, a person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. A person who violates this section through involvement in a scheme to defraud, coerce or commit theft of monetary assets or property is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

**Section (3).** Exceptions.--This section shall not apply to:

- (1) a constitutionally protected activity;

(2) a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of the law enforcement officer's official duties;

(3) a provider or developer of any technology used in the creation of a visual representation or audio recording; or

(4) any information service, system or access software provider that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including specifically a service or system that provides access to the Internet.

**Section (4).** Definitions.

“Forged digital likeness.” A computer-generated visual representation of an actual and identifiable individual or audio recording of an actual and identifiable individual's voice that:

(1) has been created, adapted or modified to closely resemble a genuine visual representation or audio record of the individual;

(2) materially misrepresents the appearance, speech or behavior of the individual such that the fundamental character of the individual's appearance, speech or behavior is changed;

(3) is likely to deceive a reasonable person to believe that the visual representation or audio recording is genuine; and

(4) is created and distributed without the consent of the individual.

**Section (5).** This shall take effect in 60 days.