



SF0051

Unlawful dissemination of misleading synthetic media.

Sponsored By: Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

AN ACT relating to consumer protection; prohibiting the dissemination of synthetic media as specified; providing definitions; providing remedies; providing penalties; and providing for an effective date.

1/16/2024 Bill Number Assigned
1/24/2024 S Received for Introduction
2/12/2024 S Introduced and Referred to S09 - Minerals 28-3-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Dockstader, Ellis, French, Furphy, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Jones, Kinskey, Kolb, Landen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Pappas, President Driskill, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott

Nays: Senator(s) Ide, Laursen, Steinmetz

Ayes 28 Nays 3 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/22/2024 S09 - Minerals:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Cooper, Dockstader, Ellis, Jones, Rothfuss

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/22/2024 S Placed on General File

SF0051SS001/ADOPTED

Page 3-line 6 After "only" insert "and visual disclosure is not feasible".

Page 3-line 13 Delete "." and insert "; and".

Page 5-after line 18 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(h) This section shall not apply to a radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer or producer, that broadcasts an election communication that includes synthetic media prohibited by subsection (b) of this section as part of a bona fide newscast, news interview, news documentary or on-the-spot coverage of a bona fide news event if the broadcast or publication clearly acknowledges through content or a disclosure, in a manner that can be easily heard and understood or read by the average listener or viewer, that there are questions about the authenticity of the synthetic media in the election communication."

Page 5-line 20 Delete "(h)" and insert "(j)". DOCKSTADER, CHAIRMAN

2/23/2024 S COW:Passed

SF0051S2001/ADOPTED

Page 5-after line 18 Delete the Senate standing committee amendment (SF0051SS001/A) to this line and insert:

"(h) This section shall not apply to:

(i) A radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer or producer, that broadcasts an election communication that includes synthetic media prohibited by subsection (b) of this section as part of a bona fide newscast, news interview, news documentary or on-the-spot coverage of a bona fide news event if the broadcast clearly acknowledges through content or a disclosure, in a manner that can be easily heard and understood or read by the average listener or viewer, that there are questions about the authenticity of the synthetic media in the election communication;

(ii) Any entity who broadcasts an advertisement without censorship under 47 U.S.C. 315;

(iii) An internet service provider, search engine, cloud service provider or any affiliate or subsidiary thereof that disseminates misleading synthetic media solely as a result of providing access or connection to information or content on the internet or other electronic sources that are not under the provider or engine's control, to the extent that the provider or engine is not responsible for the creation of the misleading synthetic media on which an alleged violation of this section is based.". ROTHFUSS

2/26/2024 S 2nd Reading:Passed
2/27/2024 S 3rd Reading:Failed 11-20-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Case, Cooper, Furphy, Gierau, Hicks, Nethercott, Pappas, President Driskill, Rothfuss

Nays: Senator(s) Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Brennan, Dockstader, Ellis, French, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kinskey, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Ayes 11 **Nays** 20 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/27/2024 S 3rd Reading:S Bill Reconsideration Motion Passed by Roll Call
17-7-7-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Barlow, Case, Cooper, Dockstader, Ellis, Furphy, Gierau, Jones, Landen, Nethercott, Pappas, President Driskill, Rothfuss, Schuler, Scott

Nays: Senator(s) Boner, Brennan, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Kolb

Excused: Senator(s) Biteman, Bouchard, Kinskey, Laursen, Mckeown, Salazar, Steinmetz

Ayes 17 **Nays** 7 **Excused** 7 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/27/2024 S 3rd Reading:Passed 17-7-7-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Baldwin, Barlow, Case, Cooper, Dockstader, Furphy, Gierau, Hicks, Jones, Landen, Nethercott, Pappas, President Driskill, Rothfuss, Schuler, Scott

Nays: Senator(s) Boner, Brennan, Ellis, French, Hutchings, Ide, Kolb

Excused: Senator(s) Biteman, Bouchard, Kinskey, Laursen, Mckeown, Salazar, Steinmetz

Ayes 17 **Nays** 7 **Excused** 7 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/28/2024 H Received for Introduction
2/28/2024 H Introduced and Referred to H07 - Corporations
3/5/2024 H No report prior to CoW Cutoff
3/5/2024 H:Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to HR 5-4