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HOUSE BILL 19-1334

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A PROHIBITION ON DISSEMINATING AN IMAGE OF A
102 MINOR COMMITTING SUICIDE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill prohibits a person from posting or distributing through the use of social media, any website, or other electronic means an image of a minor attempting to commit suicide.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

1	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 9 to article
2	7 of title 18 as follows:
3	PART 9
4	UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION
5	OF SUICIDE RECORDINGS
6	18-7-901. Unlawful distribution of a suicide recording -
7	definitions. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT POST OR DISTRIBUTE THROUGH THE
8	USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA OR ANY WEBSITE, OR DISSEMINATE THROUGH OTHER
9	ELECTRONIC MEANS, AN IMAGE OF A MINOR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT OR
10	COMMITTING SUICIDE.
11	(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION
12	COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.
13	(3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
14	OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
15	(a) "IMAGE" MEANS A PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, VIDEOTAPE,
16	RECORDING, DIGITAL FILE, OR OTHER REPRODUCTION.
17	(b) "SOCIAL MEDIA" MEANS ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM, INCLUDING
18	AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE, TELEPHONE NETWORK, OR DATA
19	NETWORK, THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CREATE, SHARE, AND VIEW
20	USER-GENERATED CONTENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO VIDEOS,
21	STILL PHOTOGRAPHS, BLOGS, VIDEO BLOGS, PODCASTS, INSTANT
22	MESSAGES, ELECTRONIC MAIL, OR INTERNET WEBSITE PROFILES.
23	SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -
24	applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
25	the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
26	general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3,
27	2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1

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- (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.
- 6 (2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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