

HR 6998

SHIELD Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1620	Related bill	May 24, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 3777	Related bill	Mar 8, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Stopping Harmful Image Exploitation and Limiting Distribution Act of 2022 or the SHIELD Act of 2022

This bill establishes a new criminal offense related to the distribution of intimate visual depictions.

Specifically, it makes it a crime to knowingly distribute (or intentionally threaten to distribute) an intimate visual depiction of an individual (1) with knowledge of or reckless disregard for the individual's lack of consent and reasonable expectation of privacy, and (2) without a reasonable belief that distributing the depiction touches a matter of public concern.

A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to two years for each individual victim depicted, or both.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.