

S 4569

TAKE IT DOWN Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 4, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [I-WV]	I · WV		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 18, 2024
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 20, 2024
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 20, 2024
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 11, 2024
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 29, 2024
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 9, 2024
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 16, 2024
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 20, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 4, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 3, 2024)

Tools to Address Known Exploitation by Immobilizing Technological Deepfakes on Websites and Networks Act or the TAKE IT DOWN Act

This bill generally prohibits the online publication of intimate visual depictions of individuals, both authentic and computer-generated, and requires covered online platforms to promptly remove such depictions upon notice of their existence.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the online publication of intimate visual depictions of

- an adult subject where publication is intended to cause or does cause harm to the subject, and where the depiction was created without the subject's consent or, in the case of an authentic depiction, was created or obtained under circumstances where the adult had a reasonable expectation of privacy; or
- a minor subject where publication is intended to abuse or harass the minor or to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.

Violators are subject to criminal penalties including mandatory restitution and prison, a fine, or both. Threats to publish intimate visual depictions of a subject are similarly prohibited under the bill and subject to criminal penalties.

Separately, covered online platforms must establish a mechanism through which subjects of intimate visual depictions may notify the platform of the existence of, and request removal of, an intimate visual depiction including the subject that was published without the subject's consent. Covered online platforms must remove such depictions within 48 hours of notification. Under the bill, *covered online platforms* are defined as public websites, online services, or applications that primarily provide a forum for user-generated content.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 4, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 4, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 4, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6788-6789)
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 3, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6783-6785)
- **Jul 31, 2024:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.