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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the unlawful possession, dissemination, or sale of images of another created by artificial intelligence under certain circumstances.

Present law (R.S. 14:73.14) provides for the crime of unlawful dissemination or sale of images of another created by artificial intelligence.

Proposed law amends present law to include possession of images or videos of another created by artificial intelligence as an element of present law.

Present law provides for a penalty of imprisonment for not more than six months, a fine of not more than \$750, or both.

Proposed law changes the penalties as follows:

- (1) From imprisonment of not more than six months, a fine of not more than \$750, or both, to imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than one year, a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.
- (2) When the victim is a minor, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years with at least one year of the sentence being without benefit of probation, suspension of sentence, or parole.

Present law (R.S. 14:81.1.1) provides for the crime of sexting.

Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits a person under the age of 17 from unlawfully disseminating, possessing, or selling images of another created by artificial intelligence.

Present law provides that an offender who violates certain provisions of present law (R.S. 14:81.1(A)(1)) is subject to disposition in accordance with present law (Title VII of the La. Children's Code).

Proposed law retains present law and provides that disposition in accordance with present law (Title VII of the La. Children's Code) shall govern a violation of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 14:73.14(A) and (D) and 81.1.1(D)(1); Adds R.S. 14:81.1.1(A)(3))