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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5468

File No. 526

Cal. No. 388

**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF HARMFUL COMMUNICATION WITH A MINOR."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Minor" means any person under eighteen years of age, or who  
5 the actor reasonably believes to be under eighteen years of age;

6 (2) "Interactive computer service" has the same meaning as provided  
7 in section 53a-90a of the general statutes;

8 (3) "Inappropriate relationship" means a relationship that is patently  
9 offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole  
10 with respect to what is a suitable relationship between an adult and a  
11 minor; and

12 (4) "Harmful to the minor" means communication with a minor that  
13 is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as

14 a whole with respect to what is a suitable form of communication  
15 between an adult and a minor.

16 (b) A person, who is twenty-one years of age or older, is guilty of  
17 harmful communication with a minor when such person uses an  
18 interactive computer service or text message to knowingly persuade,  
19 induce, entice or coerce a minor, to: (1) Share a photographic or other  
20 recorded image of the minor for the purpose of providing sexual  
21 gratification to the person who requests that the image be shared, (2)  
22 share a photographic or other recorded image of the minor, which the  
23 person who requests the image then disseminates to one or more third  
24 persons for the purpose of providing sexual gratification to such third  
25 persons, (3) engage in any communication that is part of a pattern of  
26 communication or behavior designed to form or maintain an  
27 inappropriate relationship, or (4) engage in any communication that is  
28 harmful to the minor.

29 (c) For the purposes of this section, a violation may be deemed to have  
30 been committed either at the place where the communication originated  
31 or at the place where it was received.

32 (d) Harmful communication with a minor is a class A misdemeanor."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	New section