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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to commerce; prohibiting persons from allowing minors to access chatbots
1.3 for recreational purposes; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325M.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. 325M.40 MINOR ACCESS TO CHATBOTS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.8 the meanings given.

1.9 (b) "Chatbot" means a computer program designed to simulate conversation with human
1.10 users, especially over the internet.

1.11 (c) "Minor" means an individual under the age of 18.

1.12 Subd. 2. Prohibition. It is unlawful for a person who owns or controls a website,
1.13 application, software, or program to allow a minor to access chatbots for recreational
1.14 purposes.

1.15 Subd. 3. Proof of age. A person who offers chatbot services for recreational purposes
1.16 must require an individual to provide proof of the individual's age before allowing the
1.17 individual to access a chatbot.

1.18 Subd. 4. Remedies; enforcement. (a) An individual injured by a violation of this section
1.19 may bring a civil action for damages, statutory damages not to exceed \$1,000, injunctive
1.20 relief, and costs and reasonable attorney fees.

- 2.1 (b) The attorney general may enforce this section under section 8.31. In an action brought
2.2 under this paragraph, the person who owns or controls a website, application, software, or
2.3 program and violates this section is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000,000.