

1-1 By: Johnson S.B. No. 2637  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 5, 2025,  
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0;  
 1-5 May 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to disclosures about certain automated posts on social  
 1-22 media platforms; providing a civil penalty.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 120, Business & Commerce  
 1-25 Code, is amended by adding Section 120.0521 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 120.0521. DISCLOSURE REQUIRED FOR POSTS BY BOTS. (a)  
 1-27 In this section, "bot account" means an account controlled by an  
 1-28 automated software program that is designed to impersonate or  
 1-29 replicate human activity online by posting content on a social  
 1-30 media platform.

1-31 (b) A social media platform shall publish the disclosure  
 1-32 described by Subsection (c) on any content posted on the platform  
 1-33 that is known to be posted by a bot account.

1-34 (c) A disclosure required by Subsection (b) must include:

1-35 (1) a notice that the content was posted by a bot  
 1-36 account; and

1-37 (2) a warning that content posted by a bot account may  
 1-38 contain misinformation.

1-39 (d) A social media platform that violates this section is  
 1-40 liable for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for  
 1-41 each violation.

1-42 (e) The attorney general may investigate a complaint  
 1-43 alleging a violation of this section. If the attorney general  
 1-44 determines that a violation has occurred, the attorney general may  
 1-45 bring an action to recover the civil penalty described by  
 1-46 Subsection (d).

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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