

**Representative Marie H. Poulson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**DISTRIBUTION OF INTIMATE IMAGES**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Marie H. Poulson**

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies Title 76, Utah Criminal Code, regarding distributing intimate images of a person without that person's permission.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides a definition of "intimate image";
- ▶ provides exceptions for lawful use of images;
- ▶ provides an exception for lawful practices and functions, including law enforcement functions and medical procedures;
- ▶ provides an exemption for defined telecommunication services; and
- ▶ provides that distribution of an intimate image of an individual, as defined and without that individual's permission, is a third degree felony.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:



26 76-5b-203, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **76-5b-203** is enacted to read:

30 **76-5b-203. Distribution of an intimate image -- Penalty.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Distribute" means selling, exhibiting, displaying, wholesaling, retailing, providing,  
33 giving, granting admission to, providing access to, or otherwise transferring or presenting an  
34 image to another individual, with or without consideration.

35 (b) "Intimate image" means any visual depiction, photograph, film, video, recording,  
36 picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by  
37 electronic, mechanical, or other means, that depicts:

38 (i) exposed human male or female genitals or pubic area, with less than an opaque  
39 covering;

40 (ii) a female breast with less than an opaque covering, or any portion of the female  
41 breast below the top of the areola; or

42 (iii) the individual engaged in any sexually explicit conduct.

43 (c) "Sexually explicit conduct" means actual or simulated:

44 (i) sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal,  
45 whether between persons of the same or opposite sex;

46 (ii) masturbation;

47 (iii) bestiality;

48 (iv) sadistic or masochistic activities;

49 (v) exhibition of the genitals, pubic region, buttocks, or female breast of any  
50 individual;

51 (vi) visual depiction of nudity or partial nudity;

52 (vii) fondling or touching of the genitals, pubic region, buttocks, or female breast; or

53 (viii) explicit representation of the defecation or urination functions.

54 (d) "Simulated sexually explicit conduct" means a feigned or pretended act of sexually  
55 explicit conduct that duplicates, within the perception of an average person, the appearance of  
56 an actual act of sexually explicit conduct.

57           (2) An actor commits the offense of distribution of intimate images if the actor, with  
58 the intent to cause severe emotional distress or harm, knowingly or intentionally distributes to  
59 any third party any intimate image of an individual who is 18 years of age or older, if:

60           (a) the actor knows that the depicted individual has not given consent to the actor to  
61 distribute the intimate image;

62           (b) the intimate image was created by or provided to the actor under circumstances in  
63 which the individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy; and

64           (c) actual harm is caused to the person and the harm is a result of the distribution under  
65 this section.

66           (3) This section does not apply to:

67           (a) (i) lawful practices of law enforcement agencies;

68           (ii) prosecutorial agency functions;

69           (iii) the reporting of a criminal offense;

70           (iv) court proceedings or any other judicial proceeding; or

71           (v) lawful and generally accepted medical practices and procedures;

72           (b) an intimate image if the individual portrayed in the image voluntarily allows public  
73 exposure of the image; or

74           (c) an intimate image that is portrayed in a lawful commercial setting.

75           (4) This section does not impose liability on an interactive computer service, as defined  
76 in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 230(f)(2), an information service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 153, or a  
77 telecommunication service, as defined by Section [76-6-409.5](#), for content that any of these  
78 entities provide to another person.

79           (5) Distribution of an intimate image is a third degree felony.