

1 H.195

2 Introduced by Representative Grad of Moretown

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public safety; use of facial recognition technology by law

6 enforcement

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit law
8 enforcement to utilize facial recognition technology in the investigation of
9 certain crimes provided the search is solely confined to locating images of an
10 individual within electronic media legally seized by law enforcement in
11 relation to the specific investigation.

12 An act relating to use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement
13 in cases involving sexual exploitation of children, sexual assault, homicide,
14 or kidnapping

15 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

16 Sec. 1. USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY BY LAW

17 ENFORCEMENT IN CASES INVOLVING SEXUAL

18 EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN, SEXUAL ASSAULT,

19 HOMICIDE, OR KIDNAPPING

20 Notwithstanding 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 14, the General

21 Assembly authorizes the use of facial recognition technology by law

1 enforcement during a criminal investigation into sexual exploitation of children
2 under 13 V.S.A. chapter 64, sexual assault under 13 V.S.A. chapter 72,
3 homicide under 13 V.S.A. chapter 53, or kidnapping under 13 V.S.A.
4 chapter 55, where law enforcement is in possession of an image of an
5 individual they believe to be a victim, potential victim, or suspect in the
6 investigation, and the search is solely confined to locating images, including
7 videos, of that individual within electronic media legally seized by law
8 enforcement in relation to the specific investigation.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.