

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 195  
3 entitled “An act relating to use of facial recognition technology by law  
4 enforcement in cases involving sexual exploitation of children, sexual assault,  
5 homicide, or kidnapping” respectfully reports that it has considered the same  
6 and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting  
7 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

9 ENFORCEMENT IN CASES INVOLVING SEXUAL  
10 EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN, SEXUAL ASSAULT,  
11 HOMICIDE, OR KIDNAPPING

12 (a) Notwithstanding 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 14, the General  
13 Assembly authorizes the use of facial recognition technology by law  
14 enforcement during a criminal investigation into sexual exploitation of children  
15 under 13 V.S.A. chapter 64.

16 (b) Use of facial recognition technology authorized by subsection (a) of  
17 this section shall be utilized only where law enforcement is in possession of an  
18 image of an individual they believe to be a victim, potential victim, or  
19 identified suspect in the investigation, and the search is solely confined to  
20 locating images, including videos, of that individual within electronic media  
21 legally seized by law enforcement in relation to the specific investigation.

1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2           This act shall take effect on passage.

3       and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating  
4       to use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement in cases related to  
5       sexual exploitation of children”

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