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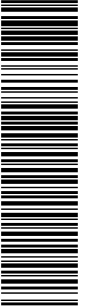
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An act to add and repeal Chapter 22.6.5 (commencing with Section 22608) of Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to business regulations.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

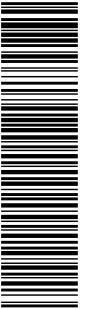
SECTION 1. Chapter 22.6.5 (commencing with Section 22608) is added to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 22.6.5. COMPANION CHAT BOTS IN TOYS

22608. No person shall manufacture, sell, or exchange, possess with intent to sell or exchange, or expose or offer for sale or exchange to any retailer any toy that includes a companion chatbot, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 22601. For purposes of this section: a “toy” is a product designed or intended by the manufacturer for use in play by children 12 years of age or less.

22609. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2031, and as of that date is repealed.

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### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

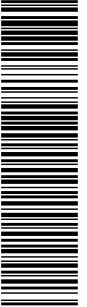
Bill No.  
as introduced, Padilla.  
General Subject: Toys: companion chatbots.

Existing law regulates the sale, manufacture, and exchange of toys in the state and prohibits the manufacture, sale, or exchange, possession with intent to sell or exchange, and exposition or offer for sale or exchange to a retailer a toy that is contaminated with a toxic substance, as provided. Violation of these provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor.

Existing law requires an operator of a companion chatbot platform, as defined, to issue a clear and conspicuous notification indicating that the companion chatbot is artificially generated and not human if a reasonable person interacting with a companion chatbot would be misled to believe that the person is interacting with a human. For these purposes, existing law defines a "companion chatbot" to mean an artificial intelligence system with a natural language interface that provides adaptive, human-like responses to user inputs and is capable of meeting a user's social needs, including by exhibiting anthropomorphic features and being able to sustain a relationship across multiple interactions. Existing law also requires an operator to take certain actions with respect to a user the operator knows is a minor, including to disclose to the user that the user is interacting with artificial intelligence. Violation of these provisions is subject to civil liability.

This bill would, until January 1, 2031, prohibit the manufacture, sale, exchange, possession with intent to sell or exchange, and exposition or offer for sale or exchange to a retailer a toy, as defined, that includes a companion chatbot.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.



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