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52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW; MAKING UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION OF SENSITIVE IMAGES A CRIME; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Criminal Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION OF SENSITIVE
IMAGES--PENALTIES.--

- A. Unauthorized distribution of sensitive images consists of distributing, publishing or otherwise making available, by an electronic communications device or other means, sensitive images of a person, with or without information identifying that person, without that person's consent and with the intent to:
 - (1) harass, humiliate or intimidate that

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- (2) incite another to harass, humiliate or intimidate that person;
- (3) cause that person to reasonably fear for that person's own or family members' safety;
- (4) cause that person to suffer unwanted physical contact or injury; or
- (5) cause that person to suffer substantial emotional distress.
 - B. For the purpose of this section:
- (1) "electronic communication device" means a computer, an internet web site or page, a video recorder, a digital camera, a fax machine, a telephone, a cellular telephone, a pager or any other device that can produce an electronically generated image, message or signal; and
- (2) "sensitive images" means images, photographs, videos or other likenesses of any portion of a person's genitals, or of a woman's breast below the top of the areola, that is either uncovered or visible through less-thanfully opaque clothing, which images may reasonably be considered to be private, intimate or inappropriate for distribution and publication without that person's consent.
- C. Whoever commits unauthorized distribution of sensitive images is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the offender is guilty of a fourth

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degree felony."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.

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