

SENATE BILL 1580

By Walley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;  
Title 47 and Title 63, relative to mental health.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

**33-1-205.**

(a) A person who develops or deploys an artificial intelligence system shall not advertise or represent to the public that such system is or is able to act as a qualified mental health professional.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) constitutes a violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977, compiled in title 47, chapter 18, part 1. A violation of subsection (a) constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice affecting trade or commerce and is subject to the penalties and remedies provided in the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977. Notwithstanding the civil penalty limits provided by the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977, a violation of subsection (a) is subject to a civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation.

(c) As used in this section, "artificial intelligence" means models and systems capable of performing functions generally associated with human intelligence, including reasoning and learning.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-104(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) Violating § 33-1-205;

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.