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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would prohibit the disclosure or transmission of images taken as a part of a death investigation, except for official law enforcement purposes.

This bill would provide criminal penalties for a violation, and would provide a heightened criminal penalty if the violation was committed for a consideration or other gain.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to crimes; to prohibit the disclosure or transmission of certain images of deceased individuals taken as part of a coroner or law enforcement investigation; and to provide criminal penalties for a violation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Any photograph or image of a deceased individual or human remains that is taken as part of a coroner death investigation or law enforcement investigation, regardless of whether the investigation is active or not, and regardless of whether the photograph or image was taken by use



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29 of a personal electronic device or device belonging to a state
30 or local agency, is prohibited from being disclosed,
31 transmitted, or used for any purpose other than an official
32 coroner or law enforcement purpose or as otherwise authorized
33 by law.

34 (b) (1) Any person who violates subsection (a) is guilty
35 of a Class B misdemeanor.

36 (2) Any person who, for a consideration or other gain,
37 including money, goods, or services, discloses or transmits
38 any photograph or image described in subsection (a) is guilty
39 of a Class A misdemeanor.

40 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
41 1, 2026.