



**House Judiciary Reported Substitute for HB503**

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

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

(2) Any person who, for a consideration or other gain, including money, goods, or services, discloses or transmits any photograph or image described in subsection (a) is guilty



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29 of a Class A misdemeanor.

30 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October

31 1, 2026.