



## **Support HB 4320**

### **Criminalizes Revenge Porn**

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**Sponsors:** Representative Drury (D-58); Franks (D-63); Cassidy (D-14); Wheeler (R-64); Sosnowski (R-69); Ford (D-8)

#### **What Does the Bill Do?**

- HB 4320 bans “revenge porn” – the intentional non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit images.
- Provides for forfeiture of property derived from the proceeds of the offense.
- Exemptions when dissemination is
  - made by law enforcement as part of an investigation;
  - from images of voluntary exposure in public or commercial settings;
  - for the purpose of, or in connection with, the reporting of unlawful conduct; or
  - serves a lawful public purpose.
- Class 3 felony, punishable by 2 to 5 years in jail and a \$25,000 fine.

#### **Why Should Revenge Porn Be Illegal?**

- In Illinois, it is illegal to post identifying or graphic information of a minor, or an adult without consent, on a pornographic site, but there is currently no state law to prevent exes from sharing explicit photos after a bad breakup.
- Revenge porn is sexual exploitation.
- Revenge porn is a growing problem due to the popularity of social media and other technology, including sexting.
- Posts often compromise the safety of victims and their families by including names, addresses, e-mail addresses and other information.

#### **Other States Have Criminalized Revenge Porn:**

New Jersey and California have enacted laws criminalizing revenge porn, and other states, including Maryland and Virginia, are also considering measures.