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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1826

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#### AN ACT

To amend chapter 568, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to impersonating a minor, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 568, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 568.075, to read as follows:

568.075. 1. A person commits the crime of impersonating a minor or someone else if, except as provided for in subsection 2 of this section, such person is an adult and knowingly pretends to be a minor or someone else other than who they really are for the purpose of communicating with a minor over the Internet or any other telecommunications or electronic device. 2. The provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to any on-duty local,

7 state, or federal law enforcement officer engaged in investigating a crime or to any person
8 or volunteer working with such law enforcement officer in the investigation.

- 9 **3.** As used in this section the following terms shall mean:
- 10 (1) "Adult", any person over eighteen years of age;
- 11 (2) "Minor", any child eighteen years of age or younger.
- 12 **4.** Impersonating a minor or someone else is a class A misdemeanor.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.