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California AI Transparency Act.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Effective: Jan 01, 2026 | Last Action (Oct 13, 2025): Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 674, Statutes of 2025.

Summary

AB-853 aims to enhance AI transparency by amending the Business and Professions Code, focusing on AI system disclosures and compliance penalties.

Business Impact

If you use AI, you must comply with new disclosure requirements. Consult the bill for specifics.

Key Provisions

- Proposes amendments to the Business and Professions Code to require AI system disclosures, including data sources and decision-making processes.
- Intends to outline penalties for non-compliance, including fines and restrictions.
- Seeks to clarify the scope of entities subject to the requirements.
- Proposes to define AI systems as those utilizing machine learning or similar technologies.
- Plans to establish detailed disclosure requirements.

Compliance Checklist

- Disclose functionalities and impacts of AI systems to users | Who: Businesses using AI in California | Penalty: Penalties for non-compliance may apply

Industries Affected

Finance

General

Telecommunications

Healthcare

Technology

Media

Artificial
Intelligence

Topics

AI Transparency

Bill Sponsors

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Smith		Author
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Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-09-12	AB 853 Wicks Concurrence in Senate Amendments	60	4	Passed
2025-09-11	3rd Reading AB853 Wicks et al. By Becker	30	6	Passed
2025-08-29	Do pass	5	2	Passed
2025-08-18	Placed on suspense file	7	0	Passed
2025-07-15	Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer	11	0	Passed
2025-06-03	AB 853 Wicks Assembly Third Reading	58	2	Passed
2025-05-23	Do pass as amended.	11	0	Passed
2025-04-29	Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Ap	9	0	Passed

Related Bills

- SB1000 (CA)
- SB942 (CA)

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