

H4675 • South Carolina

Video Surveillance

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Jan 13, 2026): Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Summary

The bill regulates AI in surveillance systems, includes judicial oversight, restricts data storage on third-party servers, and outlines penalties for non-compliance.

Business Impact

If you operate video surveillance systems, you must ensure data is not stored on third-party servers by January 1, 2025, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits surveillance systems storing data on third-party servers.
- Restricts AI use for tracking vehicles unless a warrant is obtained or there is an immediate threat to public safety.
- Mandates publication of annual reports detailing surveillance activities and compliance.
- Specifies penalties for non-compliance.
- Includes provisions for surveillance data retention and storage, limiting retention to 90 days unless part of an ongoing investigation.
- Incorporates judicial oversight for surveillance activities, requiring a warrant.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure all surveillance data is stored on secured servers within South Carolina. | Who: State and local law enforcement agencies | Penalty: Contracts contrary to this requirement are void.
- Obtain a search warrant before accessing surveillance data. | Who: Law enforcement agencies | Penalty: Unauthorized access is a misdemeanor.
- Publish annual transparency reports on ALPR usage. | Who: Law enforcement agencies operating ALPR systems | Penalty: Subject to administrative penalties for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Technology

Transportation

Surveillance
Technology

Consumer
Protection

Law Enforcement

Topics

Automated
Decision-Making

AI Privacy

Autonomous Vehicles

AI in Law Enforcement

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Sandifer		Primary
Spires		Primary
Tedder		Primary
Alexander		Primary
Allison		Primary
Anderson		Primary
Atkinson		Primary
Bailey		Primary
Ballentine		Primary
Bamberg		Primary
Bannister		Primary
Bennett		Primary

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