

# AB1215 • California

## Law enforcement: facial recognition and other biometric surveillance.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Narrow/Targeted

Last Action (Oct 08, 2019): Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 579, Statutes of 2019.

## Summary

AB 1215 prohibits law enforcement from using biometric surveillance systems with officer cameras, emphasizing privacy and civil rights.

## Business Impact

If you operate a law enforcement agency in California, you must cease using biometric surveillance systems with officer cameras to avoid legal action.

## Key Provisions

- Prohibits law enforcement from using biometric surveillance systems with officer cameras.
- Allows individuals to seek legal action against violations of this prohibition.
- Defines key terms such as 'biometric data' and 'biometric surveillance system'.
- Exempts lawful mobile fingerprint scanning that does not retain biometric data.
- Legislation is temporary, set to repeal on January 1, 2023.

## Compliance Checklist

- Cease use of biometric surveillance systems with officer cameras. | Who: Law enforcement agencies and officers in California. | Penalty: Legal action for violations.

## Industries Affected

Surveillance Technology

Law Enforcement

## Topics

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Philip Ting	D	Sponsor

## Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2019-09-12	AB 1215 Ting Concurrence in Senate Amendments	47	21	Passed
2019-09-11	Assembly 3rd Reading AB1215 Ting By Bradford	22	15	Passed
2019-06-11	Do pass	5	2	Passed
2019-05-09	AB 1215 Ting Assembly Third Reading	45	17	Passed
2019-04-23	Do pass as amended	7	1	Passed

## Related Bills

- AB1814 (CA)

## Official Source

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB1215](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1215)

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