

# A4211 • New Jersey

Imposes moratorium on use of biometric surveillance systems technology by law enforcement agencies; establishes commission to recommend appropriate law enforcement uses for biometric surveillance systems technology.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Jan 25, 2021): Combined with A3625 (ACS)

## Summary

This bill imposes a moratorium on biometric surveillance systems by law enforcement, excluding DNA, fingerprints, or palm prints, and establishes a commission to recommend regulations.

## Business Impact

If you operate a law enforcement agency in New Jersey, you must cease using biometric surveillance systems until new regulations are established.

## Key Provisions

- Imposes a moratorium on biometric surveillance systems by law enforcement agencies, excluding DNA, fingerprints, or palm prints.
- Establishes the Biometric Surveillance Regulation Commission to evaluate and recommend regulations.
- Allows limited use of fingerprint scanning devices and DNA information under existing laws.
- Requires the commission to submit a report within 18 months.
- Grants individuals the right to seek civil action for misuse of biometric information.
- Defines key terms such as 'biometric surveillance system' and 'facial recognition.'

## Compliance Checklist

- Cease use of biometric surveillance systems | Who: Law enforcement agencies in New Jersey | Penalty: Potential civil action for misuse of biometric information
- Prepare for compliance with new regulations post-commission report | Who: Law enforcement agencies | Penalty: To be determined based on new regulations

## Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Technology

Surveillance Technology

## Topics

Facial Recognition

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Gusciora, Reed		Primary
Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina	Democratic	Primary
Chiaravalloti, Nicholas		Primary
Andrzejczak, Bob		Primary
Greenstein, Linda R.		Primary
Bateman, Christopher		Primary
Chaparro, Annette		Cosponsor
Land, R. Bruce		Cosponsor
Freiman, Roy	Democratic	Cosponsor
Moen, William F.		Primary
Giblin, Thomas P.		Primary
Benson, Daniel R.		Primary

## Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2021-01-25	Reported without recommendation out of Assembly co	4	1	Passed

## Official Source

<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bill-search/2020/A4211>

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