

S1917 • New Jersey

Prohibits use of facial recognition or biometric surveillance system on police body-worn cameras.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 25, 2020): Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

Summary

This bill prohibits the use of facial recognition and biometric surveillance systems on police body-worn cameras in New Jersey.

Business Impact

If you operate a police department in New Jersey, you must stop using facial recognition on body cameras or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits police departments from using facial recognition on body-worn cameras.
- Allows mobile fingerprint scanning during lawful detentions without retaining biometric data.
- Enables individuals to seek damages for violations, including \$100 per violation.
- Violations may result in retraining, suspension, or termination of law enforcement officers.
- Defines key terms such as 'biometric data' and 'officer camera.'

Compliance Checklist

- Cease the use of facial recognition systems on body-worn cameras | Who: All police departments and law enforcement officers in New Jersey | Penalty: Potential civil damages and disciplinary actions against officers
- Ensure mobile fingerprint scanning does not retain biometric data | Who: Law enforcement officers during lawful detentions | Penalty: Consequences may include retraining or disciplinary action

Industries Affected

Topics

Facial Recognition

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