

SB300 • California

Companion chatbots.

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Effective: Jan 05, 2026 | Last Action (May 11, 2026): Referred to Com. on P. & C.P.

Summary

SB300 amends regulations for companion chatbots, focusing on user safety, but specific requirements need confirmation from the bill text.

Business Impact

If you operate a companion chatbot in California, you must implement user notification protocols and content safeguards by January 5, 2026, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Operators must maintain protocols to prevent harmful content.

Compliance Checklist

- Issue clear notifications to users interacting with chatbots. | Who: Operators of companion chatbot platforms. | Penalty: Unspecified penalties for non-compliance.
- Implement protocols to prevent harmful content. | Who: Operators of companion chatbot platforms. | Penalty: Unspecified penalties for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

General

Topics

AI in Social Media & Online Platforms

User-Facing AI

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Steve Padilla	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-01-26	Senate 3rd Reading SB300 Padilla	38	0	Passed
2026-01-13	Do pass, but first be re-referred to the Committee	13	0	Passed

Related Bills

- SB243 (CA)

Official Source

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