

# AB1197 • California

Rental passenger vehicles: electronic surveillance technology: renter liability for loss due to theft.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Effective: Oct 07, 2025 | Last Action (Oct 07, 2025): Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 449, Statutes of 2025.

## Summary

AB 1197 amends liability provisions for rental vehicle theft and allows rental companies to use geofence technology under specific conditions for vehicle tracking.

## Business Impact

If you operate a rental vehicle business in California, you must update your rental agreements to include geofence technology provisions by October 7, 2025.

## Key Provisions

- Allows rental companies to use geofence technology to track vehicles when moved outside the country or into impound yards.
- Revises the presumption of renter liability for theft, requiring ignition key return.
- Prohibits unauthorized use of electronic surveillance technology for tracking renters.

## Compliance Checklist

- Update rental agreements to include geofence technology provisions. | Who: Rental vehicle companies. | Penalty: Potential liability for theft if agreements are not updated.
- Provide notice to renters regarding the activation of electronic surveillance technology. | Who: Rental vehicle companies. | Penalty: Liability for unauthorized surveillance.

## Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Housing

Rental Vehicle

Technology

Transportation

## Bill Sponsors

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Name	Party	Role
Lisa Calderon	D	Sponsor

## Roll Call Votes

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Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-09-10	AB 1197 Calderon Concurrence in Senate Amendments	78	0	Passed
2025-09-09	Assembly 3rd Reading AB1197 Calderon By Grayson	39	0	Passed
2025-07-15	Do pass	6	0	Passed
2025-06-24	Do pass as amended, but first amend, and re-refer	11	1	Passed
2025-05-23	AB 1197 Calderon Assembly Third Reading	73	0	Passed
2025-05-06	Do pass as amended	14	0	Passed
2025-04-29	Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Pr	11	0	Passed

## Official Source

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