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Reporting mechanism: child sexual abuse material.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Last Action (Apr 07, 2026): Re-referred to Com. on P. & C.P.

Summary

AB1946 aims to amend Civil Code Sections 3273.65, 3273.66, 3273.67, and 3345.1 to improve reporting mechanisms for child sexual abuse material.

Business Impact

If you operate a social media platform, you must review reporting mechanisms for compliance with new amendments.

Key Provisions

- Amendments to Civil Code Sections 3273.65, 3273.66, 3273.67, and 3345.1 will be confirmed with the bill text.
- Details on handling protocols, penalties, and enforcement changes are pending bill text review.

Compliance Checklist

- Implement a clear and accessible reporting mechanism for users to report child sexual abuse material. | Who: Social media platforms | Penalty: Civil penalties up to \$250,000 per day for non-compliance
- Review reports through a hash-matching process and by a natural person if no hash match exists. | Who: Social media platforms | Penalty: Liability for damages to depicted individuals

Industries Affected

Social Media

Technology

Topics

AI CSAM

Bill Sponsors

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Santiago		Author
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Alanis		Author
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Related Bills

- AB1137 (CA)

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