

SB274 • California

Automated license plate recognition systems.

Vetoed

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Last Action (Mar 02, 2026): Veto sustained.

Summary

CA SB274: Automated license plate recognition systems, with key details pending verification from the bill text, including airport inclusion and data retention specifics.

Business Impact

If you operate automated license plate recognition systems in California, you must comply with new data provisions by January 1, 2025, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Pending verification of retention period for ALPR data.
- Pending verification of requirement for supervisory approval for ALPR data searches.
- Pending verification of restrictions on access to national ALPR databases in new contracts.
- Includes amendments to Sections 1798.90.5, 1798.90.52, 1798.90.53, and 1798.90.54.

Compliance Checklist

- Delete ALPR information not matching hot lists within 60 days. | Who: Public agencies operating ALPR systems | Penalty: Civil action for damages by individuals harmed by violations
- Implement security measures and employee training for ALPR data access. | Who: ALPR operators and end-users | Penalty: Civil action for damages by individuals harmed by violations

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

General

Public Transportation

Public Administration

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Dodd		Author
Stern		Coauthor
Berryhill		Coauthor
Soto		Author
Beall		Coauthor
Wieckowski		Author
Karnette		Author
Johannessen		Author
Killea		Author
Committee on Transportation		Author
Dutton		Author
Glazer		Author

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-09-13	SB 274 Cervantes Senate Third Reading By Bauer-Kah	41	29	Passed
2025-09-13	Unfinished Business SB274 Cervantes et al. Concurr	28	6	Passed
2025-08-29	Do pass.	10	3	Passed
2025-07-16	Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Commi	9	4	Passed
2025-07-07	Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Pr	12	4	Passed
2025-06-03	3rd Reading SB274 Cervantes Motion to Reconsider R	39	0	Passed
2025-06-03	3rd Reading SB274 Cervantes Motion to Reconsider	27	10	Passed
2025-05-23	Do pass as amended	5	1	Passed

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