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Prohibits the use of facial recognition and biometric information as the sole factor in determining the existence of probable cause to place in custody or arrest an individual.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Jan 07, 2026): referred to governmental operations

Summary

This New York bill prohibits using facial recognition and biometric information as the sole basis for probable cause in arrests.

Business Impact

If you use facial recognition for law enforcement in New York, you must ensure additional evidence supports probable cause by the bill's enactment date or face legal penalties.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits using biometric identifying technology as the sole factor for probable cause in New York.

Compliance Checklist

- Adopt a written policy prohibiting the use of biometric technology as the sole factor for arrests. | Who: Municipal police departments, sheriff's offices, and the division of state police. | Penalty: Withholding of state funds for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Technology

Topics

Bill Sponsors

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Related Bills

- A00519 (NY)
- A10411 (NY)

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