

HB5521 • Illinois

BIOMETRIC SURVEILLANCE ACT

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Apr 09, 2026): Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock

Summary

The Illinois Biometric Surveillance Act prohibits law enforcement and agreements with third parties, state, local, and federal agencies from using biometric systems, with exceptions for the Secretary of State's issuance of mobile driver's licenses or ID cards.

Business Impact

If you operate in Illinois and use biometric identification systems, you must cease usage by the bill's effective date or face legal penalties.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits law enforcement agencies and agreements with third parties, state, local, and federal agencies from obtaining, retaining, possessing, accessing, using, or requesting biometric identification systems.
- Establishes a private right of action for individuals affected by violations.
- Empowers the Attorney General to enforce compliance with the Act.
- Defines key terms such as 'biometric identification system.'
- Allows limited exceptions for the Secretary of State for facial recognition search services for verification of identity for mobile licenses or identification cards.

Compliance Checklist

- Cease all use of biometric identification systems. | Who: Law enforcement agencies in Illinois | Penalty: Liability for damages and attorney fees
- Ensure compliance with exceptions for employment and forensic use. | Who: Law enforcement agencies | Penalty: Liability for damages and attorney fees

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Technology

Transportation

Government

Topics

AI in Government

AI Privacy

Facial Recognition

AI in Law Enforcement

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