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Establishes the "protect our privacy (POP) act" to impose limitations on the use of drones for law enforcement purposes; prohibits the use of drones by law enforcement at concerts, protests, demonstrations, or other actions protected by the first amendment.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Narrow/Targeted

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

Summary

The POP Act limits law enforcement's use of drones, prohibiting their use at First Amendment-protected events. The full bill text may include exceptions, penalties, enforcement mechanisms, or procedural requirements.

Business Impact

If you operate drones for law enforcement, you must avoid use at First Amendment events or face unspecified consequences.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits law enforcement from using drones at First Amendment-protected events. The full bill text may include exceptions, penalties, enforcement mechanisms, or procedural requirements.

Compliance Checklist

- Cease all drone surveillance at concerts, protests, and demonstrations. | Who: Law enforcement agencies | Penalty: Potential civil action for violations
- Destroy existing drone-collected data within one year. | Who: Law enforcement agencies | Penalty: Civil action for failure to comply

Industries Affected

Consumer Protection

Law Enforcement

Drone Technology

Privacy Advocacy

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
ROSENTHAL L		Primary
JACOBSON		Cosponsor
DENDEKKER		Cosponsor
CARROLL		Cosponsor
WEPRIN		Cosponsor
RICHARDSON		Cosponsor
GOTTFRIED R		Cosponsor
GRIFFIN		Cosponsor
EPSTEIN		Cosponsor
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MOSLEY		Cosponsor
STIRPE		Cosponsor

Related Bills

- S01096 (NY)

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