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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 CODES

Summary

The POP Act limits law enforcement's use of drones at First Amendment-protected events in New York. Exceptions and penalties are not confirmed in the bill description.

Business Impact

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

Key Provisions

- Prohibits the use of drones by law enforcement at concerts, protests, demonstrations, or other First Amendment-protected actions.
- Exceptions and penalties are not confirmed in the bill description.

Compliance Checklist

- Cease drone operations for law enforcement at protected events | Who: Law enforcement agencies | Penalty: Evidence obtained may be suppressed in court
- Destroy drone-collected data not part of ongoing investigations | Who: Government agencies and private entities holding such data | Penalty: Potential civil action for violations

Industries Affected

Drone Technology

Consumer Protection

Law Enforcement

Technology

Data Privacy

Topics

AI Privacy

AI in Law Enforcement

Bill Sponsors

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HOYLMAN		Primary
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Related Bills

- A00972 (NY)

Official Source

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