

A5974 • New Jersey

Requires public hearing prior to use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement agency.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Nov 18, 2019): Introduced, Referred to Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

Summary

This bill mandates public hearings before law enforcement agencies can use facial recognition technology.

Business Impact

If you operate a law enforcement agency in New Jersey, you must hold public hearings before using facial recognition technology.

Key Provisions

- Public hearings required before using facial recognition technology by law enforcement.
- Existing users of facial recognition must hold a hearing within 60 days of the bill's effective date.
- Objectives and goals of technology use must be identified during public hearings.
- A second public hearing is mandated five years after the initial hearing.
- Defines 'facial recognition technology' as a computer application using facial recognition algorithms.

Compliance Checklist

- Hold a public hearing regarding the use of facial recognition technology | Who: Attorney General or governing body of the county/municipality
- Identify clear objectives and goals for the use of facial recognition technology | Who: Attorney General or governing body of the county/municipality
- Conduct a second public hearing to assess objectives after five years | Who: Attorney General or governing body of the county/municipality

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Government

Technology

Topics

Facial Recognition

Bill Sponsors

| Name | Party | Role |
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| Andrew Zwicker | D | Sponsor |
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Related Bills

- A1210 (NJ)

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