

# H96 • Massachusetts

To provide accountability in the use of biometric recognition technology and comprehensive enforcement

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Nov 17, 2025): Accompanied a new draft, see H4746

## Summary

Bill H.96 addresses the use of biometric recognition technology in Massachusetts, focusing on accountability and enforcement. It impacts state agencies and privacy advocates.

## Business Impact

If you use biometric recognition technology in Massachusetts, you must comply with accountability guidelines by the effective date or face penalties.

## Key Provisions

- The bill aims to enhance transparency and accountability in the use of biometric recognition technology by state agencies.
- It seeks to protect individual privacy in the use of such technology.
- The bill involves stakeholders like state agencies and privacy advocates.

## Compliance Checklist

- Obtain explicit consent from individuals before collecting biometric data. | Who: All entities using biometric recognition technology. | Penalty: Fines and potential legal action.
- Inform individuals about the purpose of data collection. | Who: Organizations collecting biometric data. | Penalty: Fines and potential legal action.

## Industries Affected

Technology

Security

Law Enforcement

Cybersecurity

Healthcare

## Topics

AI Privacy

## Bill Sponsors

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