

20. Immigrant Heritage Privacy and Confidentiality

I STRONGLY SUPPORT County Counsel, in collaboration with the Executive Director of the Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Directors of Public Health, Health Services, and Mental Health, to review and ensure that policies, protocols, and practices **prioritize patients' privacy and confidentiality**, regardless of the patients' immigration status.

I also urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and constituents to support AB 1337, the IPA reform Act which would update one of the state of California's most important privacy laws to not only apply to state government and agencies, but local governments and agencies as well.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1337

The IPA Reform Act of 2025 updates government use of personal information by establishing guardrails for how California governments and agencies maintain, collect, and disseminate data. It also gives people the right to access and correct their information.

Today, far more data collection is now done at the county and city level - which we know can put people at risk if in the wrong hands. Yet local and county government entities have no standard protections in the state of California. And those entities have troves of data, whether it's the [health data collected from vaccine programs](#) or held by [county-administered food programs](#).

People should not fear obtaining necessary services like supplemental food assistance, health services, or avoid going to school. The County must commit to protecting vulnerable residents regardless of immigration status, or other sensitive personal attributes and needs to both support AB 1337 and implement robust privacy protections and programs.

I urge you to establish a privacy program at the County level to protect all of us.

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Fact Sheet: AB 1337 The IPA Reform Act of 2025

PROPOSED BILL

Assembly Bill (AB) 1337, The IPA Reform Act of 2025 will update California's path-breaking Information Practices Act (IPA) of 1977 to respond to the challenges of today's digital environment.

BACKGROUND

In 1972, California voters approved Proposition 11, explicitly granting a right to privacy in the state constitution. Five years later, the Legislature passed the Information Practices Act (IPA), the nation's first comprehensive privacy law, to implement these protections.

The IPA affirms that privacy is a fundamental right under both the California and U.S. Constitutions, ensuring individuals control over their personally identifiable information (PII). However, its drafters in 1977 could not have foreseen the explosion of digital technology and data collection that now defines modern life. Today, an estimated 90% of the world's data was generated in just the past two years, with daily data creation reaching 402.74 million terabytes—equivalent to 10 times the entire printed collection of the Library of Congress.

The rise of the internet in the 1980s reshaped privacy and property rights, leading California to pass the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) in 2018. The CCPA gave consumers greater control over their data, regulating how businesses collect and use PII. However, the IPA remains largely unchanged, leaving government data practices outdated and insufficient for the challenges of the 21st century.

California cannot rely on a 48-year-old law to protect fundamental rights.

The IPA must be updated to address the vast expansion of government-held data and align with modern privacy laws like the CCPA and CPRA. Strengthening these protections is critical to safeguarding vulnerable communities—including women seeking reproductive care, LGBTQ youth, DACA recipients, religious minorities, and low-income Californians—from potential misuse of their personal data.

SOLUTION

AB 1337, the IPA Reform Act of 2025, modernizes California's first major governmental privacy law for the digital age. The bill aligns the definition of personal and sensitive information with the California Privacy Rights Act, ensuring protections extend to location data, online browsing records, IP addresses, citizenship status, and genetic information. It expands the IPA's scope to include local agencies, offices, departments, and divisions. The bill also prohibits the use of collected information for unintended or secondary purposes without consent and makes the negligent release of personal data that causes harm a misdemeanor. Additionally, it requires that IPA disclosure records be retained for at least three years before being destroyed.

SUPPORT

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ACLU California Action, California Immigrant
Policy Center, and California Initiative for
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