

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1043**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wicks**

February 20, 2025

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An act to amend Section 1798.1 of the Civil Code, relating to privacy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1043, as introduced, Wicks. Privacy.

Existing law, the Information Practices Act of 1977, declares that the right to privacy is a personal and fundamental right protected by the California Constitution and by the United States Constitution and that all individuals have a right of privacy in information pertaining to them.

Existing law also declares that the increasing use of computers and other sophisticated information technology has greatly magnified the potential risk to individual privacy that can occur from the maintenance of personal information.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1798.1 of the Civil Code is amended to  
2     read:  
3     1798.1. The Legislature declares that the right to privacy is a  
4     personal and fundamental right protected by Section 1 of Article  
5     I of the ~~Constitution of California~~ *Constitution* and by the United  
6     States Constitution and that all individuals have a right of privacy

- 1 in information pertaining to them. The Legislature further makes  
2 the following findings:
- 3 (a) The right to privacy is being threatened by the indiscriminate  
4 collection, maintenance, and dissemination of personal information  
5 and the lack of effective laws and legal remedies.
- 6 (b) The increasing use of computers and other sophisticated  
7 information technology has greatly magnified the potential risk to  
8 individual privacy that can occur from the maintenance of personal  
9 information.
- 10 (c) In order to protect the privacy of individuals, it is necessary  
11 that the maintenance and dissemination of personal information  
12 be subject to strict limits.