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CALIFORNIA SENATE - PUBLIC SAFETY

AB-642 (2023-2024)

Law enforcement agencies: facial recognition technology

District 19 - Assemblymember [Ting](#)

Purpose

Sets comprehensive, statewide parameters around law enforcement use of facial recognition technology (FRT). The legislation aims to protect people's privacy and due process rights, while also helping to keep communities safe with a valuable public safety tool.

It would codify a 98 percent level of accuracy for a match as the bar for use of the technology. It will restrict its use if it prevents someone from exercising constitutional rights such as freedom of assembly. Shorten time for facial recognition, disallow law enforcement to use facial recognition on body cameras.

History 02/01/24 - From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Votes: 04/25/23 (PASS) - Asm Privacy and Consumer Protection - Ayes: 9, Noes: 0, NVR: 2 - Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Position

- Recommended Position: **Oppose**
- Facial recognition technology (FRT) is much more about exonerating somebody as it is convicting them. It provides more data to prove someone's innocence, so its uses in law enforcement should not be undermined.

Read the official bill. [Click Here](#)

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