

What is Nevada Senate Bill 347?

Nevada Senate Bill 347 requires businesses to notify individuals when a security breach results in their personal information being released to unauthorized parties. The Bill specifies the notification steps businesses must follow in the event of a security breach. Section 22 of the Bill specifies that businesses must take reasonable measures to destroy customer records once the business no longer needs them. The security breach notification sections of this Bill came into effect January 1, 2006.

Who is affected?

This Bill affects all organizations that conduct business in Nevada that store personal information of state residents. Personal Information is defined as the first name or initial and last name in combination with one or more of the following nonpublic unencrypted pieces of information: a social security number or employer identification number, a driver's license or identification card number, or a bank account, credit card or debit card number accompanied by the applicable passwords or security codes.

What does Nevada Senate Bill 347 have to do with information management?

According to the Bill, Nevada businesses must take "reasonable measures to ensure the destruction" of customers' personal information when the business decides that it will no longer maintain the records. When a business no longer wants to keep personal information on file, it must ensure the records are rendered "unreadable or undecipherable". The Bill suggests either shredding the record or erasing the personal information from the record.

Nevada businesses are also responsible for the security of their computerized customer records. If companies experience a security breach and disclose nonpublic, unencrypted personal information to unauthorized parties, they will be responsible for notifying the affected individuals.

By monitoring and controlling the amount of personal customer data held on site, businesses can reduce the risk of losing or otherwise releasing data to unauthorized parties. Computer backups containing personal information that are no longer needed should be disposed of securely. Similarly, other computerized media containing personal information, such as CDs, computer disks and hard drives should be destroyed once no longer needed.

What do companies have to do to comply with the Bill?

Organizations conducting business in Nevada that store personal information of Nevada residents must ensure the proper destruction of personal information records, that are no longer needed.

Businesses must alert affected customers when personal information which is not publicly available is acquired by unauthorized parties. The Bill outlines methods for notifying affected individuals. If the cost of notifying affected individuals is more than \$250,000 or the number of affected individuals exceeds 500,00, substitute notification methods may be used.

How can we help?

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