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AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the management and oversight of personal data

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "New York privacy act".

3 § 2. Legislative intent. 1. Privacy is a fundamental right and an  
4 essential element of freedom. Advances in technology have produced ramp-  
5 ant growth in the amount and categories of personal data being gener-  
6 ated, collected, stored, analyzed, and potentially shared, which  
7 presents both promise and peril. Companies collect, use and share our  
8 personal information in ways that can be difficult for ordinary consum-  
9 ers to understand. Opaque data processing policies make it impossible to  
10 evaluate risks and compare privacy-related protections across services,  
11 stifling competition. Algorithms quietly make decisions with critical  
12 consequences for New York consumers, often with no human accountability.  
13 Behavioral advertising generates profits by turning people into products  
14 and their activity into assets. New York consumers deserve more notice  
15 and more control over their data and their digital privacy.

16 2. This act seeks to help New York consumers regain their privacy. It  
17 gives New York consumers the ability to exercise more control over their  
18 personal data and requires businesses to be responsible, thoughtful, and  
19 accountable managers of that information. To achieve this, this act  
20 provides New York consumers a number of new rights, including clear  
21 notice of how their data is being used, processed and shared; the abili-  
22 ty to access and obtain a copy of their data in a commonly used elec-  
23 tronic format, with the ability to transfer it between services; the  
24 ability to correct inaccurate data and to delete their data; and the  
25 ability to challenge certain automated decisions. This act also imposes

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 obligations upon businesses to maintain reasonable data security for  
2 personal data, to notify New York consumers of foreseeable harms arising  
3 from use of their data and to obtain specific consent for that use, and  
4 to conduct regular assessments to ensure that data is not being used for  
5 unacceptable purposes. These data assessments can be obtained and evalu-  
6 ated by the New York State Attorney General, who is empowered to obtain  
7 penalties for violations of this act and prevent future violations. This  
8 act also grants New York consumers who have been injured as the result  
9 of a violation a private right of action, which includes reasonable  
10 attorneys' fees to a prevailing plaintiff.

11 § 3. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 42 to  
12 read as follows:

13 ARTICLE 42  
14 NEW YORK PRIVACY ACT

15 Section 1100. Definitions.

16 1101. Jurisdictional scope.

17 1102. Consumer rights.

18 1103. Controller, processor, and third-party responsibilities.

19 1104. Data brokers.

20 1105. Limitations.

21 1106. Enforcement and private right of action.

22 1107. Miscellaneous.

23 § 1100. Definitions. The following definitions apply throughout this  
24 article unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

25 1. "Automated decision-making" or "automated decision" means a compu-  
26 tational process, including one derived from machine learning, artifi-  
27 cial intelligence, or any other automated process, involving personal  
28 data that results in a decision affecting a consumer.

29 2. "Biometric information" means any personal data generated from the  
30 measurement or specific technological processing of an individual's  
31 biological, physical, or physiological characteristics, including fing-  
32 erprints, voice prints, iris or retina scans, facial scans or templates,  
33 deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) information, and gait.

34 3. "Business associate" has the same meaning as in Title 45 of the  
35 C.F.R., established pursuant to the federal Health Insurance Portability  
36 and Accountability Act of 1996.

37 4. "Consent" means a clear affirmative act signifying a freely given,  
38 specific, informed, and unambiguous indication of a consumer's agreement  
39 to the processing of data relating to the consumer made in response to a  
40 dedicated prompt outlining in clear and conspicuous language the materi-  
41 al nature of the processing to which the consumer is consenting. A  
42 pre-checked box or similar default is not affirmative consent. Consent  
43 may be withdrawn at any time, and a controller must provide clear,  
44 conspicuous, and consumer-friendly means to withdraw consent. The burden  
45 of establishing consent is on the controller.

46 5. "Consumer" means a natural person who is a New York resident acting  
47 only in an individual or household context. It does not include a  
48 natural person known to be acting in a commercial or employment context.

49 6. "Controller" means the person who, alone or jointly with others,  
50 determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data.

51 7. "Covered entity" has the same meaning as in Title 45 of the C.F.R.,  
52 established pursuant to the federal Health Insurance Portability and  
53 Accountability Act of 1996.

54 8. "Data broker" means a person, or unit or units of a legal entity,  
55 separately or together, that does business in the state of New York and  
56 knowingly collects, and sells to controllers or third-parties, the

1 personal data of a consumer with whom it does not have a direct  
2 relationship. "Data broker" does not include any of the following:

3 (a) a consumer reporting agency to the extent that it is covered by  
4 the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 et seq.); or

5 (b) a financial institution to the extent that it is covered by the  
6 Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Public Law 106-102) and implementing regu-  
7 lations.

8 9. "Deidentified data" means data that cannot reasonably be used to  
9 infer information about, or otherwise be linked to a particular consum-  
10 er, provided that the processor or controller that possesses the data:

11 (a) takes reasonable measures to ensure that the data cannot be asso-  
12 ciated with a consumer or device;

13 (b) publicly commits to process the data only as deidentified data and  
14 not attempt to reidentify the data, except that the controller or  
15 processor may attempt to reidentify the information solely for the  
16 purpose of determining whether its deidentification processes satisfy  
17 the requirements of this subdivision; and

18 (c) contractually obligates any recipients of the data to comply with  
19 all provisions of this article.

20 10. "Device" means any physical object that is capable of connecting  
21 to the Internet, directly or indirectly, or to another device and is  
22 intended for use by a natural person or household or, if used outside  
23 the home, for use by the general public.

24 11. "Meaningful human review" means review or oversight by one or more  
25 individuals who (a) are trained in the capabilities and limitations of  
26 the algorithm at issue and the procedures to interpret and act on the  
27 output of the algorithm, and (b) have the authority to alter the auto-  
28 mated decision under review.

29 12. "Natural person" means a natural person acting only in an individ-  
30 ual or household context. It does not include a natural person known to  
31 be acting in a commercial or employment context.

32 13. "Person" means a natural person or a legal entity, including but  
33 not limited to a proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership,  
34 corporation, company, limited liability company or corporation, associ-  
35 ation, or other firm or similar body, or any unit, division, agency,  
36 department, or similar subdivision thereof.

37 14. "Personal data" means any data that is identified or could reason-  
38 ably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a specific natural person,  
39 household, or device. Personal data does not include deidentified data.

40 15. "Identified or identifiable natural person" means a natural person  
41 who can be identified, directly or indirectly, such as by reference to  
42 an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data,  
43 or an online or device identifier.

44 16. "Process," "processes" or "processing" means an operation or set  
45 of operations which are performed on data or on sets of data, including  
46 but not limited to the collection, use, access, sharing, monetization,  
47 analysis, retention, creation, generation, derivation, recording, organ-  
48 ization, structuring, storage, disclosure, transmission, analysis,  
49 disposal, licensing, destruction, deletion, modification, or deidenti-  
50 fication of data.

51 17. "Processor" means a person that processes data on behalf of the  
52 controller.

53 18. "Protected health information" has the same meaning as in Title 45  
54 C.F.R., established pursuant to the federal Health Insurance Portability  
55 and Accountability Act of 1996.

1 19. "Sale," "sell," or "sold" means the disclosure, transfer, convey-  
2 ance, sharing, licensing, making available, processing, granting of  
3 permission or authorization to process, or other exchange of personal  
4 data, or providing access to personal data for monetary or other valu-  
5 able consideration by the controller to a third-party. "Sale" includes  
6 enabling, facilitating or providing access to a consumer for targeted  
7 advertising. "Sale" does not include the following:

8 (a) the disclosure of data to a processor who processes the data on  
9 behalf of the controller and which is contractually prohibited from  
10 using it for any purpose other than as instructed by the controller; or

11 (b) the disclosure or transfer of data as an asset that is part of a  
12 merger, acquisition, bankruptcy, or other transaction in which another  
13 entity assumes control or ownership of all or a majority of the control-  
14 ler's assets.

15 20. "Targeted advertising" means displaying online advertisements to a  
16 consumer where the advertisement is selected based on personal data  
17 obtained from a consumer's activities over time and across one or more  
18 distinctly-branded websites, online applications, or services, to  
19 predict the consumer's preferences or interests. It does not include  
20 advertising (a) based on the context of the consumer's current search  
21 query or visit to a website or online application, or (b) to a consumer  
22 in direct response to the consumer's request for information or feed-  
23 back.

24 21. "Third-party" means, with respect to a particular interaction or  
25 occurrence, a person, public authority, agency, or body other than the  
26 consumer, the controller, or processor of the controller. A third party  
27 may also be a controller if the third party, alone or jointly with  
28 others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal  
29 data.

30 22. "Verified request" means a request by a consumer to exercise a  
31 right authorized by this article, the authenticity of which has been  
32 ascertained by the controller in accordance with paragraph (c) of subdi-  
33 vision eight of section eleven hundred two of this article.

34 § 1101. Jurisdictional scope. 1. This article applies to legal persons  
35 that conduct business in New York or produce products or services that  
36 are targeted to residents of New York, and that satisfy one or more of  
37 the following thresholds:

38 (a) have annual gross revenue of twenty-five million dollars or more;

39 (b) controls or processes personal data of one hundred thousand  
40 consumers or more;

41 (c) controls or processes personal data of five hundred thousand  
42 natural persons or more nationwide, and controls or processes personal  
43 data of ten thousand consumers; or

44 (d) derives over fifty percent of gross revenue from the sale of  
45 personal data, and controls or processes personal data of twenty-five  
46 thousand consumers or more.

47 2. This article does not apply to:

48 (a) Personal data processed by state and local governments, and munic-  
49 ipal corporations, for processes other than sale (filing and processing  
50 fees are not sale);

51 (b) Information that meets the following criteria:

52 (i) personal data required to be collected, processed, sold, or  
53 disclosed pursuant to the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley act (P.L. 106-102),  
54 and implementing regulations, if the collection, processing, sale, or  
55 disclosure is in compliance with such law;

1 (ii) personal data collected, processed, sold, or disclosed pursuant  
2 to the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994 (18 U.S.C. Sec.  
3 2721 et seq.), if the collection, processing, sale, or disclosure is in  
4 compliance with that law;

5 (iii) personal data regulated by the federal Family Educational Rights  
6 and Privacy Act, U.S.C. Sec. 1232g and its implementing regulations;

7 (iv) personal data collected, processed, sold, or disclosed pursuant  
8 to the federal Farm Credit Act of 1971 (as amended in 12 U.S.C. Sec.  
9 2001-2279cc) and its implementing regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 600 et  
10 seq.) if the collection, processing, sale, or disclosure is in compli-  
11 ance with that law;

12 (v) personal data regulated by section two-d of the education law;

13 (vi) data maintained for employment records purposes, for purposes  
14 other than sale;

15 (vii) protected health information that is collected by a covered  
16 entity or business associate governed by the privacy, security, and  
17 breach notification rules issued by the United States Department of  
18 Health and Human Services, Parts 160 and 164 of Title 45 of the Code of  
19 Federal Regulations, established pursuant to the Health Insurance Porta-  
20 bility and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191) ("HIPAA") and  
21 the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act  
22 (Public Law 111-5);

23 (viii) patient identifying information for purposes of 42 C.F.R. Part  
24 2, established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 290dd-2;

25 (ix) information and documents created for purposes of the federal  
26 Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, and related regulations;

27 (x) patient safety work product for purposes of 42 C.F.R. Part 3,  
28 established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 299b-21 through 299b-26;

29 (xi) information originating from, and intermingled to be indistin-  
30 guishable from, or information treated in the same manner as, informa-  
31 tion exempt under this subdivision that is maintained by a covered enti-  
32 ty or business associate as defined by HIPAA or a program or a qualified  
33 service organization as defined by 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2;

34 (xii) deidentified health information that meets all of the following  
35 conditions:

36 (A) it is deidentified in accordance with the requirements for deiden-  
37 tification set forth in Section 164.514 of Part 164 of Title 45 of the  
38 Code of Federal Regulations;

39 (B) it is derived from protected health information, individually  
40 identifiable health information, or identifiable private information  
41 consistent with the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects,  
42 also known as the Common Rule; and

43 (C) a covered entity or business associate does not attempt to reiden-  
44 tify the information nor do they actually reidentify the information  
45 except as otherwise allowed under state or federal law;

46 (xiii) patient information maintained by a covered entity or business  
47 associate governed by the privacy, security, and breach notification  
48 rules issued by the United States Department of Health and Human  
49 Services, Parts 160 and 164 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regu-  
50 lations, established pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and  
51 Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191), to the extent the  
52 covered entity or business associate maintains the patient information  
53 in the same manner as protected health information as described in  
54 subparagraph (vii) of this paragraph;

55 (xiv) data collected as part of human subjects research, including a  
56 clinical trial, conducted in accordance with the Federal Policy for the

1 Protection of Human Subjects, also known as the Common Rule, pursuant to  
2 good clinical practice guidelines issued by the International Council  
3 for Harmonisation or pursuant to human subject protection requirements  
4 of the United States Food and Drug Administration; or

5 (xv) personal data processed only for one or more of the following  
6 purposes:

7 (A) product registration and tracking consistent with applicable  
8 United States Food and Drug Administration regulations and guidance;

9 (B) public health activities and purposes as described in Section  
10 164.512 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and/or

11 (C) activities related to quality, safety, or effectiveness regulated  
12 by the United States Food and Drug Administration;

13 (c) (i) An activity involving the collection, maintenance, disclosure,  
14 sale, communication, or use of any personal data bearing on a consumer's  
15 credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general  
16 reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living by a consumer  
17 reporting agency, as defined in Title 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681a(f), by a  
18 furnisher of information, as set forth in Title 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681s-2,  
19 who provides information for use in a consumer report, as defined in  
20 Title 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1861a(d), and by a user of a consumer report, as  
21 set forth in Title 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1681b.; and

22 (ii) This paragraph shall apply only to the extent that such activity  
23 involving the collection, maintenance, disclosure, sale, communication,  
24 or use of such data by that agency, furnisher, or user is subject to  
25 regulation under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Title 15 U.S.C. Sec.  
26 1681 et seq., and the data is not collected, maintained, used, communi-  
27 cated, disclosed, or sold except as authorized by the Fair Credit  
28 Reporting Act.

29 § 1102. Consumer rights. 1. Right to notice. (a) Notice. Each control-  
30 ler that processes a consumer's personal data must make publicly and  
31 persistently available, in a conspicuous and readily accessible manner,  
32 a notice containing the following:

33 (i) a description of the consumer's rights under subdivisions two  
34 through six of this section and how a consumer may exercise those  
35 rights, including how to withdraw consent;

36 (ii) the categories of personal data processed by the controller and  
37 by any processor who processes personal data on behalf of the control-  
38 ler;

39 (iii) the sources from which personal data is collected;

40 (iv) the purposes for processing personal data;

41 (v) the identity of each processor or third party to whom the control-  
42 ler discloses, shares, transfers, or sells personal data and, for each  
43 identified processor or third party, (A) the categories of personal data  
44 being shared, disclosed, transferred, or sold to the processor or third  
45 party, (B) the purposes for which personal data is being shared,  
46 disclosed, transferred, or sold to the processor or third party, (C) the  
47 third party's retention period for each category of personal data proc-  
48 essed by the third party or processed on their behalf, or if that is not  
49 possible, the criteria used to determine the period, and (D) whether the  
50 entity uses the personal data for targeted advertising;

51 (vi) the controller's retention period for each category of personal  
52 data that they process or is processed on their behalf, or if that is  
53 not possible, the criteria used to determine that period; and

54 (vii) for controllers engaging in targeted advertising, average  
55 expected revenue per user (ARPU) or a similar metric for the most recent  
56 fiscal year for the region that covers New York.

1 (b) Notice requirements.

2 (i) The notice must be written in easy-to-understand language at an  
3 eighth grade reading level or below.

4 (ii) The categories of personal data processed and purposes for which  
5 each category of personal data is processed must be described at a level  
6 specific enough to enable a consumer to exercise meaningful control over  
7 their personal data but not so specific as to render the notice unhelp-  
8 ful to a reasonable consumer.

9 (iii) The notice must be dated with its effective date and updated at  
10 least annually.

11 (iv) The notice, as well as each version of the notice in effect in  
12 the preceding six years, must be easily accessible to consumers and  
13 capable of being viewed by consumers at any time.

14 2. Opt-in consent. (a) A controller must obtain freely given, specif-  
15 ic, informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent from a consumer to:

16 (i) process the consumer's personal data for any purpose; or

17 (ii) make any changes in the processing or processing purpose, includ-  
18 ing the method and scope of collection, of the consumer's personal data  
19 that are less protective of the consumer's personal data than the proc-  
20 essing to which the consumer has previously given their freely given,  
21 specific, informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent.

22 (b) Any request for consent must, in a standalone disclosure, be  
23 provided to the consumer prior to processing their personal data, sepa-  
24 rate and apart from any contract or privacy policy. The request for  
25 consent must:

26 (i) include a clear and conspicuous description of each category of  
27 data and processing purpose for which consent is sought;

28 (ii) clearly identify and distinguish between categories of data and  
29 processing purposes that are necessary to provide the services or goods  
30 requested by the consumer and categories of data and processing purposes  
31 that are not necessary to provide the services or goods requested by the  
32 consumer;

33 (iii) enable a reasonable consumer to easily identify the categories  
34 of data and processing purposes for which consent is sought;

35 (iv) clearly present as the most conspicuous choice an option to  
36 provide only the consent necessary to provide the services or goods  
37 requested by the consumer;

38 (v) clearly present an option to deny consent; and

39 (vi) where the request seeks consent to sharing, disclosure, transfer,  
40 or sale of personal data to third parties, identify each such third  
41 party, the categories of data sold or shared with them, the processing  
42 purposes, the retention period, or if that is not possible, the criteria  
43 used to determine the period, and for each third party state if such  
44 sharing, disclosure, transfer, or sale enables or involves targeted  
45 advertising. The details of identities of such third parties, and the  
46 categories of data, processing purposes, and the retention period, may  
47 be set forth in a different disclosure, provided that the request for  
48 consent contains a conspicuous and directly accessible link to that  
49 disclosure.

50 (c) Targeted advertising and sale of personal data shall not be  
51 considered processing purposes that are necessary to provide services or  
52 goods requested by a consumer.

53 (d) Once a consumer has provided freely given, specific, informed, and  
54 unambiguous opt-in consent to process their personal data for a process-  
55 ing purpose, a controller may rely on such consent until it is with-  
56 drawn.

1 (e) A controller must provide a mechanism for a consumer to withdraw  
2 previously given consent at any time. Such mechanism shall make it as  
3 easy for a consumer to withdraw their consent as it is for such consumer  
4 to provide consent. The controller may style the mechanism allowing  
5 consumers to withdraw previously given consent as an opt-out.

6 (f) A controller must not infer that a consumer has provided freely  
7 given, specific, informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent from the  
8 consumer's inaction or the consumer's continued use of a service or  
9 product provided by the controller.

10 (g) To the extent that a controller must process internet protocol  
11 addresses, system configuration information, URLs of referring pages,  
12 locale and language preferences, keystrokes, or any other data that  
13 individually or collectively may comprise personal data in order to  
14 obtain a consumer's freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous  
15 opt-in consent, the controller must:

16 (i) process only the personal data necessary to request freely given,  
17 specific, informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent;

18 (ii) process the personal data solely to request freely given, specif-  
19 ic, informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent; and

20 (iii) immediately delete the personal data if consent is withheld,  
21 denied, or withdrawn.

22 (h) Controllers must not request consent from a consumer who has  
23 previously withheld or denied consent, unless consent is necessary to  
24 provide the services or goods requested by the consumer.

25 (i) Controllers must treat user-enabled privacy controls in a browser,  
26 browser plug-in, smartphone application, operating system, device  
27 setting, or other mechanism that communicates or signals the consumer's  
28 choice not to be subject to targeted advertising or the sale of their  
29 personal data as a denial of consent under this act. To the extent that  
30 the privacy control conflicts with a consumer's consent, the privacy  
31 control settings govern, unless the consumer provides freely given,  
32 specific, informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent to override the  
33 privacy control.

34 (j) A controller must not discriminate against a consumer for with-  
35 holding or denying consent, including, but not limited to, by:

36 (i) denying services or goods to the consumer, unless the consumer  
37 does not consent to processing necessary to provide the services or  
38 goods requested by the consumer;

39 (ii) charging different prices for goods or services, including  
40 through the use of discounts or other benefits, imposing penalties, or  
41 providing a different level or quality of services or goods to the  
42 consumer; or

43 (iii) suggesting that the consumer will receive a different price or  
44 rate for goods or services or a different level or quality of services  
45 or goods.

46 (k) A controller may, with the consumer's freely given, specific,  
47 informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent given pursuant to this section,  
48 operate a program in which information, products, or services sold to  
49 the consumer are discounted based on such consumer's prior purchases  
50 from the controller, provided that the personal data used to operate  
51 such program is processed solely for the purpose of operating such  
52 program.

53 (l) In the event of a merger, acquisition, bankruptcy, or other trans-  
54 action in which another entity assumes control or ownership of all or  
55 majority of the controller's assets, any consent provided to the



1 controller by a consumer prior to such transaction shall be deemed with-  
2 drawn.

3 3. Right to access. Upon the verified request of a consumer, a  
4 controller shall:

5 (a) confirm whether or not the controller is processing or has proc-  
6 essed personal data of that consumer, and provide access to a copy of  
7 any such personal data when requested; and

8 (b) provide the identity of each processor or third-party to whom the  
9 controller disclosed, transferred, or sold the consumer's personal data  
10 and, for each identified processor or third-party, (A) the categories of  
11 the consumer's personal data disclosed, transferred, or sold to each  
12 processor or third-party and (B) the purposes for which each category of  
13 the consumer's personal data was disclosed, transferred, or sold to each  
14 processor or third-party.

15 4. Right to portable data. Upon a verified request, and to the extent  
16 technically feasible, the controller must: (a) provide to the consumer a  
17 copy of all of, or a portion of, as designated in a verified request,  
18 the consumer's personal data in a structured, commonly used and  
19 machine-readable format and (b) at the consumer's request, transmit the  
20 data to another person of the consumer's designation without hindrance.

21 5. Right to correct. (a) Upon the verified request of a consumer, a  
22 controller must conduct a reasonable investigation to determine whether  
23 personal data, the accuracy of which is disputed by the consumer, is  
24 inaccurate, with such investigation to be concluded within the time  
25 period set forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision eight of this section.

26 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a controller  
27 may terminate an investigation of personal data disputed by a consumer  
28 under such paragraph if the controller reasonably determines that the  
29 dispute by the consumer is frivolous, including by reason of a failure  
30 by a consumer to provide sufficient information to investigate the  
31 disputed personal data. Upon making any determination in accordance with  
32 this paragraph that a dispute is frivolous, a controller must, within  
33 the time period set forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision eight of this  
34 section, provide the affected consumer a statement in writing that  
35 includes, at a minimum, the specific reasons for the determination, and  
36 identification of any information required to investigate the disputed  
37 personal data, which may consist of a standardized form describing the  
38 general nature of such information.

39 (c) If, after any investigation under paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
40 sion of any personal data disputed by a consumer, an item of the  
41 personal data is found to be inaccurate or incomplete, or cannot be  
42 verified, the controller must:

43 (i) correct the inaccurate or incomplete personal data of the consum-  
44 er; and

45 (ii) unless it proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort,  
46 communicate such request to each processor or third-party to whom the  
47 controller disclosed, transferred, or sold the personal data within one  
48 year preceding the consumer's request, and to require those processors  
49 or third-parties to do the same for any further processors or third-par-  
50 ties they disclosed, transferred, or sold the personal data to.

51 (d) If the investigation does not resolve the dispute, the consumer  
52 may file with the controller a brief statement setting forth the nature  
53 of the dispute. Whenever a statement of a dispute is filed, unless there  
54 exists reasonable grounds to believe that it is frivolous, the control-  
55 ler must note that it is disputed by the consumer and include either the  
56 consumer's statement or a clear and accurate codification or summary

1 thereof with the disputed personal data whenever it is disclosed, trans-  
2 ferred, or sold to any processor or third-party.

3 6. Right to delete. (a) Upon the verified request of a consumer, a  
4 controller must:

5 (i) within a reasonable amount of time after receiving the verified  
6 request, delete any or all personal data, as directed by the consumer,  
7 that the controller possesses or controls; and

8 (ii) unless it proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort,  
9 communicate such request to each processor or third-party to whom the  
10 controller disclosed, transferred or sold the personal data within one  
11 year preceding the consumer's request and to require those processors or  
12 third-parties to do the same for any further processors or third-parties  
13 they disclosed, transferred, or sold the personal data to.

14 (b) For personal data that is not possessed by the controller but by a  
15 processor of the controller, the controller may choose to (i) communi-  
16 cate the consumer's request for deletion to the processor, or (ii)  
17 request that the processor return to the controller the personal data  
18 that is the subject of the consumer's request and delete such personal  
19 data upon receipt of the request.

20 (c) A consumer's deletion of their online account must be treated as a  
21 request to the controller to delete all of that consumer's personal  
22 data.

23 (d) A controller must maintain reasonable procedures designed to  
24 prevent the reappearance in its systems, and in any data it discloses,  
25 transfers, or sells to any processor or third-party, the personal data  
26 that is deleted pursuant to this subdivision.

27 (e) A controller is not required to comply with a consumer's request  
28 to delete personal data if:

29 (i) complying with the request would prevent the controller from  
30 performing accounting functions, processing refunds, effectuating a  
31 product recall pursuant to federal or state law, or fulfilling warranty  
32 claims, provided that the personal data that is the subject of the  
33 request is not processed for any purpose other than such specific activ-  
34 ities; or

35 (ii) it is necessary for the controller to maintain the consumer's  
36 personal data to engage in public or peer-reviewed scientific, histor-  
37 ical, or statistical research in the public interest that adheres to all  
38 other applicable ethics and privacy laws, when the controller's deletion  
39 of the information is likely to render impossible or seriously impair  
40 the achievement of such research, provided that the consumer has given  
41 informed consent and the personal data is not processed for any purpose  
42 other than such research.

43 7. Automated decision-making. (a) Whenever a controller makes an auto-  
44 mated decision involving solely automated processing that results in a  
45 denial of financial or lending services, housing, public accommodation,  
46 insurance, health care services, or access to basic necessities, such as  
47 food and water, the controller must:

48 (i) disclose in a clear conspicuous, and consumer-friendly manner that  
49 the decision was made by a solely automated process;

50 (ii) provide an avenue for the affected consumer to appeal the deci-  
51 sion, which must at minimum allow the affected consumer to (A) express  
52 their point of view, (B) contest the decision, and (C) obtain meaningful  
53 human review; and

54 (iii) explain how to appeal the decision.

55 (b) A controller must respond to a consumer's appeal within forty-five  
56 days of receipt of the appeal. That period may be extended once by

1 forty-five additional days where reasonably necessary, taking into  
2 account the complexity and number of appeals. The controller must inform  
3 the consumer of any such extension within forty-five days of receipt of  
4 the appeal, together with the reasons for the delay.

5 (c) (i) A controller or processor engaged in automated decision-making  
6 affecting financial or lending services, housing, public accommodation,  
7 insurance, education enrollment, employment, health care services, or  
8 access to basic necessities, such as food and water, or engaged in  
9 assisting others in automated decision-making in those fields, must  
10 annually conduct an impact assessment of such automated decision-making  
11 that:

12 (A) describes and evaluates the objectives and development of the  
13 automated decision-making processes including the design and training  
14 data used to develop the automated decision-making process, how the  
15 automated decision-making process was tested for accuracy, fairness,  
16 bias and discrimination; and

17 (B) assesses whether the automated decision-making system produces  
18 discriminatory results on the basis of a consumer's or class of consum-  
19 ers' actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, religion, national  
20 origin, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, familial  
21 status, biometric information, lawful source of income, or disability.

22 (ii) A controller or processor must utilize an external, independent  
23 auditor or researcher to conduct such assessments.

24 (iii) A controller or processor must make public all impact assess-  
25 ments prepared pursuant to this section, retain all such impact assess-  
26 ments for at least six years, and make any such retained impact assess-  
27 ments available to any state, federal, or local government authority  
28 upon request.

29 (iv) For purposes of this paragraph, the limitations to jurisdictional  
30 scope set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision two of section  
31 eleven hundred one of this article shall not apply.

32 8. Responding to requests. (a) A controller must take action under  
33 subdivisions three through six of this section and inform the consumer  
34 of any actions taken without undue delay and in any event within forty-  
35 five days of receipt of the request. That period may be extended once by  
36 forty-five additional days where reasonably necessary, taking into  
37 account the complexity and number of the requests. The controller must  
38 inform the consumer of any such extension within forty-five days of  
39 receipt of the request, together with the reasons for the delay. When a  
40 controller denies any such request, it must within this period disclose  
41 to the consumer a statement in writing of the specific reasons for the  
42 denial.

43 (b) A controller shall permit the exercise of rights and carry out its  
44 obligations set forth in subdivisions three through six of this section  
45 free of charge, at least twice annually to the consumer. Where requests  
46 from a consumer are manifestly unfounded or excessive, in particular  
47 because of their repetitive character, the controller may either (i)  
48 charge a reasonable fee to cover the administrative costs of complying  
49 with the request or (ii) refuse to act on the request and notify the  
50 consumer of the reason for refusing the request. The controller bears  
51 the burden of demonstrating the manifestly unfounded or excessive char-  
52 acter of the request.

53 (c) (i) A controller shall promptly attempt, using commercially  
54 reasonable efforts, to verify that all requests to exercise any rights  
55 set forth in any section of this article requiring a verified request  
56 were made by the consumer who is the subject of the data, or by a person

1 lawfully exercising the right on behalf of the consumer who is the  
2 subject of the data. Commercially reasonable efforts shall be determined  
3 based on the totality of the circumstances, including the nature of the  
4 data implicated by the request.

5 (ii) A controller may require the consumer to provide additional  
6 information only if the request cannot reasonably be verified without  
7 the provision of such additional information. A controller must not  
8 transfer or process any such additional information provided pursuant to  
9 this section for any other purpose and must delete any such additional  
10 information without undue delay and in any event within forty-five days  
11 after the controller has notified the consumer that it has taken action  
12 on a request under subdivisions two through five of this section as  
13 described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

14 (iii) If a controller discloses this additional information to any  
15 processor or third-party for the purpose of verifying a consumer  
16 request, it must notify the receiving processor or third party at the  
17 time of such disclosure, or as close in time to the disclosure as is  
18 reasonably practicable, that such information was provided by the  
19 consumer for the sole purpose of verification.

20 9. Implementation of rights. Controllers must provide easily accessi-  
21 ble and convenient means for consumers to exercise their rights under  
22 this article.

23 10. Non-waiver of rights. Any provision of a contract or agreement of  
24 any kind that purports to waive or limit in any way a consumer's rights  
25 under this article is contrary to public policy and is void and unen-  
26 forceable.

27 § 1103. Controller, processor, and third-party responsibilities. 1.  
28 Controller responsibilities. (a) Duty of loyalty. (i) Where it is  
29 reasonably foreseeable to the controller that a process will be against  
30 a consumer's physical, financial, psychological, or reputational inter-  
31 ests or against the physical, financial, psychological, or reputational  
32 interests of a class of consumers that the consumer is known to belong  
33 to, the controller must notify that consumer of any interest that may be  
34 harmed in advance of requesting consent and as close in time to the  
35 processing as practicable. This obligation does not apply with respect  
36 to processing: (A) as required by law; (B) pursuant to a request by a  
37 federal, state, or local government or government entity; or (C) that  
38 significantly advances protection against criminal or tortious activity.

39 (ii) Controllers must not engage in unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts  
40 or practices with respect to obtaining consumer consent, the processing  
41 of personal data, and a consumer's exercise of any rights under this  
42 article, including without limitation:

43 (A) designing a user interface with the purpose or substantial effect  
44 of deceiving consumers, obscuring consumers' rights under this article,  
45 or subverting or impairing user autonomy, decision-making, or choice in  
46 order to obtain consent; or

47 (B) obtaining consent in a manner designed to overpower a consumer's  
48 resistance; for example, by making excessive requests for consent.

49 (b) Duty of care. (i) (A) Controllers must, on at least an annual  
50 basis, conduct and document risk assessments of all current processes of  
51 personal data.

52 (B) Risk assessments must assess at a minimum:

53 (I) the nature, sensitivity and context of the personal data that the  
54 controller processes;

55 (II) the nature, purpose, and value of the processes;

1 (III) any risks or harms to consumers actually or potentially arising  
2 out of the processes, including physical, financial, psychological, or  
3 reputational harms;

4 (IV) the adequacy and effect of safeguards implemented by the control-  
5 lers;

6 (V) the sufficiency of the controller's notices to consumers at  
7 describing and obtaining consent concerning the processes; and

8 (VI) the adequacy of the safeguards and monitoring practices of  
9 processors and third parties to whom the controller has provided  
10 personal data.

11 (C) The controller must retain risk assessments for at least six years  
12 and make risk assessments available to the attorney general upon  
13 request.

14 (ii) Controllers must develop, implement, and maintain reasonable  
15 safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of the  
16 personal data of consumers including adopting reasonable administrative,  
17 technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the volume and nature  
18 of the personal data at issue.

19 (iii) (A) A controller that collects a consumer's personal data shall  
20 limit its use and retention of that data to what is necessary to provide  
21 a service or good requested by a consumer or for purposes for which the  
22 consumer has provided freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous  
23 opt-in consent.

24 (B) At least annually, a controller must dispose of all personal data  
25 that is either no longer necessary to provide the services or goods  
26 requested by the consumer or for the purposes for which the consumer's  
27 freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent is in  
28 effect, consistent with the retention period disclosed in notice pursu-  
29 ant to section eleven hundred two of this article.

30 (iv) Controllers shall be under a continuing obligation to engage in  
31 reasonable measures to review their activities for circumstances that  
32 may have altered their ability to identify a specific natural person and  
33 to update their classifications of data as identified or identifiable  
34 accordingly.

35 (c) Non-discrimination. (i) A controller must not discriminate against  
36 a consumer for exercising rights under this act, including but not  
37 limited to, by:

38 (A) denying services or goods to consumers;

39 (B) charging different prices for services or goods, including through  
40 the use of discounts or other benefits; imposing penalties; or providing  
41 a different level or quality of services or goods to the consumer; or

42 (C) suggesting that the consumer will receive a different price or  
43 rate for services or goods or a different level or quality of services  
44 or goods.

45 (ii) This paragraph does not apply to a controller's conduct with  
46 respect to opt-in consent, in which case paragraph (j) of subdivision  
47 two of section eleven hundred two of this article governs.

48 (d) Agreements with processors. (i) Before making any disclosure,  
49 transfer, or sale of personal data to any processor, the controller must  
50 enter into a written, signed contract with that processor. Such contract  
51 must be binding and clearly set forth instructions for processing data,  
52 the nature and purpose of processing, the type of data subject to proc-  
53 essing, the duration of processing, and the rights and obligations of  
54 both parties. The contract must also include requirements that the  
55 processor must:

1 (A) ensure that each person processing personal data is subject to a  
2 duty of confidentiality with respect to the data;

3 (B) protect the data consistent with the requirements of this act and  
4 any statements made by the controller in their publicly available poli-  
5 cies, notices, or similar statements;

6 (C) process the data only when and to the extent necessary to comply  
7 with its legal obligations to the controller unless otherwise explicitly  
8 authorized by the controller;

9 (D) not combine the personal information which the processor receives  
10 from or on behalf of the controller with personal information which the  
11 processor receives from or on behalf of another person or collects from  
12 its own interaction with consumers;

13 (E) comply with any exercises of a consumer's rights under section  
14 eleven hundred two of this article upon the request of the controller,  
15 subject to the limitations set forth in section eleven hundred five of  
16 this article;

17 (F) at the controller's direction, delete or return all personal data  
18 to the controller as requested at the end of the provision of services,  
19 unless retention of the personal data is required by law;

20 (G) upon the reasonable request of the controller, make available to  
21 the controller all information in its possession necessary to demon-  
22 strate the processor's compliance with the obligations in this act;

23 (H) allow, and cooperate with, reasonable assessments by the control-  
24 ler or the controller's designated assessor; alternatively, the process-  
25 or may arrange for a qualified and independent assessor to conduct an  
26 assessment of the processor's policies and technical and organizational  
27 measures in support of the obligations under this article using an  
28 appropriate and accepted control standard or framework and assessment  
29 procedure for such assessments. The processor shall provide a report of  
30 such assessment to the controller upon request;

31 (I) a reasonable time in advance before disclosing or transferring the  
32 data to any further processors, notify the controller of such a proposed  
33 disclosure or transfer and provide the controller an opportunity to  
34 approve or reject the proposal; and

35 (J) engage any further processor pursuant to a written, signed  
36 contract that includes the contractual requirements provided in this  
37 paragraph, containing at minimum the same obligations that the processor  
38 has entered into with regard to the data.

39 (ii) A controller must not agree to indemnify, defend, or hold a  
40 processor harmless, or agree to a provision that has the effect of  
41 indemnifying, defending, or holding the processor harmless, from claims  
42 or liability arising from the processor's breach of the contract  
43 required by clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph or a  
44 violation of this act. Any provision of an agreement that violates this  
45 subparagraph is contrary to public policy and is void and unenforceable.

46 (iii) Nothing in this paragraph relieves a controller or a processor  
47 from the liabilities imposed on it by virtue of its role in the process-  
48 ing relationship as defined by this article.

49 (iv) Determining whether a person is acting as a controller or proces-  
50 sor with respect to a specific processing of data is a fact-based deter-  
51 mination that depends upon the context in which personal data is to be  
52 processed. A processor that continues to adhere to a controller's  
53 instructions with respect to a specific processing of personal data  
54 remains a processor.

55 (e) Third parties. (i) A controller must not share, disclose, trans-  
56 fer, or sell personal data, or facilitate or enable the processing,

1 disclosure, transfer, or sale of personal data to a third party for  
2 which consent of the consumer pursuant to subdivision two of section  
3 eleven hundred two of this article, has not been obtained or is not  
4 currently in effect. Any request for consent to share, disclose, trans-  
5 fer, or sell personal data, or to facilitate or enable the processing,  
6 disclosure, transfer, or sale of personal data to a third party must  
7 clearly include the identity of the third party and the processing  
8 purposes for which the third-party may use the personal data.

9 (ii) A controller must not share, disclose, transfer, or sell personal  
10 data, or facilitate or enable the processing, disclosure, transfer, or  
11 sale of personal data if it can reasonably expect the personal data of a  
12 consumer to be used for purposes that the consumer has not consented to  
13 pursuant to subdivision two of section eleven hundred two of this arti-  
14 cle, or if it can reasonably expect that any rights of the consumer  
15 provided in this article would be compromised as a result of such trans-  
16 action.

17 (iii) Before making any disclosure, transfer, or sale of personal data  
18 to any third party, the controller must enter into a written, signed  
19 contract. Such contract must be binding and the scope, nature, and  
20 purpose of processing, the type of data subject to processing, the dura-  
21 tion of processing, and the rights and obligations of both parties.  
22 Such contract must include requirements that the third party:

23 (A) Process that data only to the extent permitted by the agreement  
24 entered into with the controller; and

25 (B) Provide a mechanism to comply with any exercises of a consumer's  
26 rights under section eleven hundred two of this article upon the request  
27 of the controller, subject to any limitations thereon as authorized by  
28 this article; and

29 (C) To the extent the disclosure, transfer, or sale of the personal  
30 data causes the third party to become a controller, comply with all  
31 obligations imposed on controllers under this article.

32 2. Processor responsibilities. (a) For any personal data that is  
33 obtained, received, purchased, or otherwise acquired by a processor,  
34 whether directly from a controller or indirectly from another processor,  
35 the processor must comply with the requirements set forth in clauses (A)  
36 through (J) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d) of subdivision one of  
37 this section.

38 (b) A processor is not required to comply with a request by the  
39 consumer submitted pursuant to this article by a consumer directly to  
40 the processor to the extent that the processor has processed the consum-  
41 er's personal data solely in its role as a processor for a controller.

42 (c) Processors shall be under a continuing obligation to engage in  
43 reasonable measures to review their activities for circumstances that  
44 may have altered their ability to identify a specific natural person and  
45 to update their classifications of data as identified or identifiable  
46 accordingly.

47 (d) A processor shall not engage in any sale of personal data other  
48 than on behalf of the controller pursuant to any agreement entered into  
49 with the controller.

50 3. Third-party responsibilities. (a) For any personal data that is  
51 obtained, received, purchased, or otherwise acquired or accessed by a  
52 third-party from a controller or processor, the third-party must:

53 (i) Process that data only to the extent permitted by any agreements  
54 entered into with the controller;

55 (ii) Process only the personal data necessary for purposes for which  
56 freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous opt-in consent is in

1 effect, as conveyed by the controller, limit the use and retention of  
2 that data to what is necessary for such purposes, and shall immediately  
3 delete such personal data when notified that the consent is withheld,  
4 denied, or withdrawn;

5 (iii) Comply with any exercises of a consumer's rights under section  
6 eleven hundred two of this article upon the request of the controller or  
7 processor, subject to any limitations thereon as authorized by this  
8 article; and

9 (iv) To the extent the third party becomes a controller for personal  
10 data, comply with all obligations imposed on controllers under this  
11 article.

12 4. Exceptions. The requirements of this section shall not apply where:

13 (a) The processing is required by law;

14 (b) The processing is made pursuant to a request by a federal, state,  
15 or local government or government entity; or

16 (c) The processing significantly advances protection against criminal  
17 or tortious activity.

18 § 1104. Data brokers. 1. A data broker, as defined under this article,  
19 must:

20 (a) Annually, on or before January thirty-first following a year in  
21 which a person meets the definition of data broker in this article:

22 (i) Register with the attorney general;

23 (ii) Pay a registration fee of one hundred dollars or as otherwise  
24 determined by the attorney general pursuant to the regulatory authority  
25 granted to the attorney general under this article, not to exceed the  
26 reasonable cost of establishing and maintaining the database and infor-  
27 mational website described in this section; and

28 (iii) Provide the following information:

29 (A) the name and primary physical, email, and internet website address  
30 of the data broker;

31 (B) the name and business address of an officer or registered agent of  
32 the data broker authorized to accept legal process on behalf of the data  
33 broker;

34 (C) a statement describing the method for exercising consumers rights  
35 under section eleven hundred two of this article;

36 (D) a statement whether the data broker implements a purchaser creden-  
37 tialing process; and

38 (E) any additional information or explanation the data broker chooses  
39 to provide concerning its data collection practices.

40 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, any controller  
41 that conducts business in the state of New York must:

42 (a) annually, on or before January thirty-first following a year in  
43 which a person meets the definition of controller in this act, provide  
44 to the attorney general a list of all data brokers or persons reasonably  
45 believed to be data brokers to which the controller provided personal  
46 data in the preceding year; and

47 (b) not sell a consumer's personal data to a data broker that is not  
48 registered with the attorney general.

49 3. The attorney general shall establish, manage and maintain a state-  
50 wide registry on its internet website, which shall list all registered  
51 data brokers and make accessible to the public all the information  
52 provided by data brokers pursuant to this section. Printed hard copies  
53 of such registry shall be made available upon request and payment of a  
54 fee to be determined by the attorney general.

55 4. A data broker that fails to register as required by this section or  
56 submits false information in its registration is, in addition to any



1 other injunction, penalty, or liability that may be imposed under this  
2 article, liable for civil penalties, fees, and costs in an action  
3 brought by the attorney general as follows: (a) a civil penalty of one  
4 thousand dollars for each day the data broker fails to register as  
5 required by this section or fails to correct false information, (b) an  
6 amount equal to the fees that were due during the period it failed to  
7 register, and (c) expenses incurred by the attorney general in the  
8 investigation and prosecution of the action as the court deems appropri-  
9 ate.

10 § 1105. Limitations. 1. This article does not require a controller or  
11 processor to do any of the following solely for purposes of complying  
12 with this article:

13 (a) Reidentify deidentified data;

14 (b) Comply with a verified consumer request to access, correct, or  
15 delete personal data pursuant to this article if all of the following  
16 are true:

17 (i) The controller is not reasonably capable of associating the  
18 request with the personal data;

19 (ii) The controller does not associate the personal data with other  
20 personal data about the same specific consumer as part of its normal  
21 business practice; and

22 (iii) The controller does not sell the personal data to any third  
23 party or otherwise voluntarily disclose or transfer the personal data to  
24 any processor or third party, except as otherwise permitted in this  
25 article; or

26 (c) Maintain personal data in identifiable form, or collect, obtain,  
27 retain, or access any personal data or technology, in order to be capa-  
28 ble of associating a verified consumer request with personal data.

29 2. The obligations imposed on controllers and processors under this  
30 article do not restrict a controller's or processor's ability to do any  
31 of the following, to the extent that the use of the consumer's personal  
32 data is reasonably necessary and proportionate for these purposes:

33 (a) Comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations;

34 (b) Comply with a civil, criminal, or regulatory inquiry, investi-  
35 gation, subpoena, or summons by federal, state, local, or other govern-  
36 mental authorities;

37 (c) Cooperate with law enforcement agencies concerning conduct or  
38 activity that the controller or processor reasonably and in good faith  
39 believes may violate federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regu-  
40 lations;

41 (d) Investigate, establish, exercise, prepare for, or defend legal  
42 claims;

43 (e) Process personal data necessary to provide the services or goods  
44 requested by a consumer, unless the consumer withholds, denies, or with-  
45 draws consent; perform a contract to which the consumer is a party; or  
46 take steps at the request of the consumer prior to entering into a  
47 contract;

48 (f) Take immediate steps to protect the life or physical safety of the  
49 consumer or of another natural person, and where the processing cannot  
50 be manifestly based on another legal basis;

51 (g) Prevent, detect, protect against, or respond to security inci-  
52 dents, identity theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or deceptive activ-  
53 ities, or any illegal activity; preserve the integrity or security of  
54 systems; or investigate, report, or prosecute those responsible for any  
55 such action; or

1 (h) Identify and repair technical errors that impair existing or  
2 intended functionality.

3 3. The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under this  
4 article do not apply where compliance by the controller or processor  
5 with this article would violate an evidentiary privilege under New York  
6 law and do not prevent a controller or processor from providing personal  
7 data concerning a consumer to a person covered by an evidentiary privi-  
8 lege under New York law as part of a privileged communication.

9 4. The obligations imposed on controllers or processors under this  
10 article do not apply to the publication of newsworthy information of  
11 legitimate public concern to the public, or the processing or transfer  
12 of information by a controller for such purpose.

13 5. A controller that receives a request pursuant to subdivisions three  
14 through six of section eleven hundred two of this article, or a process-  
15 or or third party to whom a controller communicates such a request, may  
16 decline to fulfill the relevant part of such request if:

17 (a) the controller, processor, or third party is unable to verify the  
18 request using commercially reasonable efforts, as described in paragraph  
19 (c) of subdivision eight of section eleven hundred two of this article;

20 (b) complying with the request would be demonstrably impossible (for  
21 purposes of this paragraph, the receipt of a large number of verified  
22 requests, on its own, is not sufficient to render compliance with a  
23 request demonstrably impossible);

24 (c) complying with the request would impair the privacy of another  
25 individual or the rights of another to exercise free speech; or

26 (d) the personal data was created by a natural person other than the  
27 consumer making the request and is being processed for the purpose of  
28 facilitating interpersonal relationships or public discussion.

29 § 1106. Enforcement and private right of action. 1. Whenever it  
30 appears to the attorney general, either upon complaint or otherwise,  
31 that any person or persons has engaged in or is about to engage in any  
32 of the acts or practices stated to be unlawful under this article, the  
33 attorney general may bring an action or special proceeding in the name  
34 and on behalf of the people of the state of New York to enjoin any  
35 violation of this article, to obtain restitution of any moneys or prop-  
36 erty obtained directly or indirectly by any such violation, to obtain  
37 disgorgement of any profits obtained directly or indirectly by any such  
38 violation, to obtain civil penalties of not more than fifteen thousand  
39 dollars per violation, and to obtain any such other and further relief  
40 as the court may deem proper, including preliminary relief.

41 (a) Any action or special proceeding brought by the attorney general  
42 pursuant to this section must be commenced within six years.

43 (b) Each instance of unlawful processing counts as a separate  
44 violation. Unlawful processing of the personal data of more than one  
45 consumer counts as a separate violation as to each consumer. Each  
46 provision of this article that is violated counts as a separate  
47 violation.

48 (c) In assessing the amount of penalties, the court must consider any  
49 one or more of the relevant circumstances presented by any of the  
50 parties, including, but not limited to, the nature and seriousness of  
51 the misconduct, the number of violations, the persistence of the miscon-  
52 duct, the length of time over which the misconduct occurred, the will-  
53 fulness of the violator's misconduct, and the violator's financial  
54 condition.

55 2. In connection with any proposed action or special proceeding under  
56 this section, the attorney general is authorized to take proof and make

1 a determination of the relevant facts, and to issue subpoenas in accord-  
2 ance with the civil practice law and rules. The attorney general may  
3 also require such other data and information as he or she may deem rele-  
4 vant and may require written responses to questions under oath. Such  
5 power of subpoena and examination shall not abate or terminate by reason  
6 of any action or special proceeding brought by the attorney general  
7 under this article.

8 3. Any person, within or outside the state, who the attorney general  
9 believes may be in possession, custody, or control of any books, papers,  
10 or other things, or may have information, relevant to acts or practices  
11 stated to be unlawful in this article is subject to the service of a  
12 subpoena issued by the attorney general pursuant to this section.  
13 Service may be made in any manner that is authorized for service of a  
14 subpoena or a summons by the state in which service is made.

15 4. (a) Failure to comply with a subpoena issued pursuant to this  
16 section without reasonable cause tolls the applicable statutes of limi-  
17 tations in any action or special proceeding brought by the attorney  
18 general against the noncompliant person that arises out of the attorney  
19 general's investigation.

20 (b) If a person fails to comply with a subpoena issued pursuant to  
21 this section, the attorney general may move in the supreme court to  
22 compel compliance. If the court finds that the subpoena was authorized,  
23 it shall order compliance and may impose a civil penalty of up to five  
24 hundred dollars per day of noncompliance.

25 (c) Such tolling and civil penalty shall be in addition to any other  
26 penalties or remedies provided by law for noncompliance with a subpoena.

27 5. This section shall apply to all acts declared to be unlawful under  
28 this article, whether or not subject to any other law of this state, and  
29 shall not supersede, amend or repeal any other law of this state under  
30 which the attorney general is authorized to take any action or conduct  
31 any inquiry.

32 6. Any consumer who has been injured by a violation of section eleven  
33 hundred two of this article may bring an action in his or her own name  
34 to enjoin such unlawful act or practice and to recover his or her actual  
35 damages or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater. The court may  
36 also award reasonable attorneys' fees to a prevailing plaintiff.  
37 Actions pursuant to this section may be brought on a class-wide basis.

38 § 1107. Miscellaneous. 1. Preemption: This article does not annul,  
39 alter, or affect the laws, ordinances, regulations, or the equivalent  
40 adopted by any local entity regarding the processing, collection, trans-  
41 fer, disclosure, and sale of consumers' personal data by a controller or  
42 processor subject to this act, except to the extents those laws, ordi-  
43 nances, regulations, or the equivalent are inconsistent with the  
44 provisions of this act, and then only to the extent of the inconsisten-  
45 cy.

46 2. Impact report: The attorney general shall issue a report evaluating  
47 this article, its scope, any complaints from consumers or persons, the  
48 liability and enforcement provisions of this article including, but not  
49 limited to, the effectiveness of its efforts to enforce this article,  
50 and any recommendations for changes to such provisions. The attorney  
51 general shall submit the report to the governor, the temporary president  
52 of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the appropriate commit-  
53 tees of the legislature within two years of the effective date of this  
54 section.

55 3. Regulatory authority: (a) The attorney general is hereby authorized  
56 and empowered to adopt, promulgate, amend and rescind suitable rules and

1 regulations to carry out the provisions of this article, including rules  
2 governing the form and content of any disclosures or communications  
3 required by this article.

4 (b) The attorney general may request data and information from  
5 controllers conducting business in New York state, other New York state  
6 government entities administering notice and consent regimes, consumer  
7 protection and privacy advocates and researchers, internet standards  
8 setting bodies, such as the internet engineering taskforce and the  
9 institute of electrical and electronics engineers, and other relevant  
10 sources, to conduct studies to inform suitable rules and regulations.  
11 The attorney general shall receive, upon request, data from other New  
12 York state governmental entities.

13 4. Exercise of rights: Any consumer right set forth in this article  
14 may be exercised at any time by the consumer who is the subject of the  
15 data, by an agent authorized by a consumer to exercise the rights set  
16 forth in this act on their behalf, or by a parent or guardian authorized  
17 by law to take actions of legal consequence on behalf of the consumer  
18 who is the subject of the data.

19 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
20 sections 1101, 1102, 1103, 1105, 1106 and 1107 of the general business  
21 law, as added by section three of this act, shall take effect January 1,  
22 2022.