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#### California Senate Bill 918

California Senate Bill (SB) 918, was approved and signed by the Governor on September 29, 2024. The bill introduces new obligations for social media platforms with more than 1,000,000 active users concerning their interactions with law enforcement agencies under Business and Professions Code (B&P) 22946. The bill mandates the appointment of law enforcement liaisons and sets compliance deadlines for search warrants related to user account information and reads as follows:

### **Key Provisions:**

#### 1. Law Enforcement Liaisons:

- Social media platforms must designate and maintain an accessible law enforcement liaison available by telephone 24/7.
- The liaison's primary role is to receive and respond to law enforcement inquiries and information requests.

## 2. Search Warrant Compliance:

- Social media platforms must **immediately** comply with a valid **search warrant** issued by a law enforcement agency.
- o Compliance with the warrant must occur within **72 hours** of receipt.
- The warrant must pertain to information associated with an account on the platform that is owned and controlled by a user.

## 3. Exemptions:

• The requirements under SB 918 **do not apply** to social media platforms with fewer than **1,000,000 discrete monthly users**.

Pursuant to SB 918, the following were effective January 1, 2025, but are not operative until July 1, 2025:

- B&P 22946
- B&P 22946.1
- B&P 22946.2

For a full reading of the bill and newly established B&P Codes, click the hyperlinks below:

Bill Text - SB-918 Law enforcement contact process: search warrants.

B&P 22946: Codes Display Text

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By acknowledging this training bulletin, you are indicting you have read this training bulletin and newly established B&P Codes under 22946. All personnel in the Deputy Sheriff, Detentions Deputy, and Park Ranger ranks are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin no later than **Friday**, **July 25**, **2025**.