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DIVISION 8. SPECIAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS [18400 - 22949.92.2] (Division 8 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 44.)

CHAPTER 31.6. Social Media Platforms and Law Enforcement [22946 - 22946.3] (Chapter 31.6 added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 985, Sec. 1.)

[22946.](#) As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement agency in the state.
- (b) "Law enforcement liaison" means a natural person employed by a social media platform who serves as a point of contact with law enforcement agencies.
- (c) "Search warrant" means a search warrant duly executed pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1523) of Title 12 of Part 2 of the Penal Code.
- (d) "Social media platform" has the same meaning as defined in Section 22945.

(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 985, Sec. 1. (SB 918) Effective January 1, 2025. Operative July 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 22946.3.)

[22946.1.](#) (a) A social media platform shall maintain a law enforcement contact process that does all of the following:

- (1) Makes available a staffed hotline for law enforcement personnel for purposes of receiving, and responding to, requests for information.
- (2) Provides continual availability of the law enforcement contact process.
- (3) Includes a method to provide status updates to a requesting law enforcement agency on a request for information or a warrant provided pursuant to subdivision (b).

(b) (1) Except as provided by any other law, including, but not limited to, the Reproductive Rights Law Enforcement Act (Title 5.7 (commencing with Section 13775) of Part 4 of the Penal Code) and Section 1546.5 of the Penal Code, a social media platform shall comply with a search warrant within 72 hours if both of the following apply:

(A) The search warrant is provided to the social media platform by a law enforcement agency.

(B) The subject of the search warrant is information associated with an account on the social media platform and that information is controlled by a user of the social media platform.

(2) A court may reasonably extend the time required to comply with a search warrant pursuant to this subdivision if the court makes a written finding that the social media platform has shown good cause for that extension and that an extension would not cause an adverse result, as defined in Section 1524.2 of the Penal Code.

(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 985, Sec. 1. (SB 918) Effective January 1, 2025. Operative July 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 22946.3.)

[22946.2.](#) This chapter does not apply to a social media platform with fewer than 1,000,000 discrete monthly users.

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[22946.3.](#) This chapter shall become operative on July 1, 2025.

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