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DIVISION 3. OBLIGATIONS [1427 - 3273.69] (*Heading of Division 3 amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 160, Sec. 14.*)

PART 4. OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM PARTICULAR TRANSACTIONS [1738 - 3273.69] (*Part 4 enacted 1872.*)

TITLE 1.8. PERSONAL DATA [1798 - 1798.78] (*Title 1.8 added by Stats. 1977, Ch. 709.*)

CHAPTER 1. Information Practices Act of 1977 [1798 - 1798.78] (*Chapter 1 added by Stats. 1977, Ch. 709.*)

ARTICLE 1. General Provisions and Legislative Findings [1798 - 1798.1] (*Article 1 added by Stats. 1977, Ch. 709.*)

[1798.](#) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Information Practices Act of 1977.

(*Added by Stats. 1977, Ch. 709.*)

[1798.1.](#) The Legislature declares that the right to privacy is a personal and fundamental right protected by Section 1 of Article I of the Constitution of California and by the United States Constitution and that all individuals have a right of privacy in information pertaining to them. The Legislature further makes the following findings:

- (a) The right to privacy is being threatened by the indiscriminate collection, maintenance, and dissemination of personal information and the lack of effective laws and legal remedies.
- (b) The increasing use of computers and other sophisticated information technology has greatly magnified the potential risk to individual privacy that can occur from the maintenance of personal information.
- (c) In order to protect the privacy of individuals, it is necessary that the maintenance and dissemination of personal information be subject to strict limits.

(*Added by Stats. 1977, Ch. 709.*)