
CONSENT

Bill No: AB 2086
Author: Ellis (R) and Jeff Gonzalez (R), et al.
Introduced: 2/18/26
Vote: 21

SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: 4-0, 6/16/26

AYES: Caballero, Alvarado-Gil, McNerney, Padilla

NO VOTE RECORDED: Ashby

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: 13-0, 6/23/26

AYES: Umberg, Niello, Allen, Ashby, Caballero, Durazo, Laird, Reyes, Stern,
Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-0, 4/23/26 (Consent) - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Pest control licenses: personal information: confidentiality

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill prohibits personal information from an application for a pest control license that has been submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation. This bill protects an applicant's photograph, social security number, address, telephone number, and medical or disability information from disclosure; and also allows an applicant to list a post office box as their address for public disclosure to avoid disclosing their personal address.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Establishes the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and authorizes the director to, among other things, adopt regulations for the issuance and

renewal of licenses and certificates for pest control operations¹ (Governor's Reorganization Plan No.1, 1991).

- 2) Establishes the California Public Records Act and finds and declares that, while mindful of the right of individuals to privacy, access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business is a fundamental and necessary right of every person in this state (Government Code Section 7920).
- 3) Requires, in order to protect against the risk of identity theft, an agency to redact social security numbers from a record before disclosing the record to the public (Government Code Section 7922.200).
- 4) Specifically exempts from disclosure under the California Public Records Act specific type of records (Government Code Section 7930.180).
- 5) Prohibits a person from advertising, soliciting, or operating a pest control business, unless the person has a valid pest control business license issued by the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation (Food and Agricultural Code Section 11701).

This bill:

- 1) States in order to protect the privacy of applicants, licensees, and certificate holders, personal information collected pursuant to this division shall not be considered a public record and shall not be disclosed pursuant to a request under the California Public Records Act, unless required pursuant to a court order by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 2) States, for purposes of this section, "personal information" means information, other than the name and mailing address, that identifies an individual, including an individual's photograph, social security number, address, telephone number, and medical or disability information, but does not include other information related to licensing such as incidents, rules or safety violations, misconduct, commendations, and license status.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

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https://clerk.assembly.ca.gov/sites/clerk.assembly.ca.gov/files/archive/Statutes/1991/91Vol4_Gov_Reorgplan1.pdf

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/3/26)

California Agricultural Aircraft Association
California Association of Pest Control Advisers

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/3/26)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to the author:

“California has the most educated and credentialed agricultural workforce in the country. This has enabled California to simultaneously be leaders in environmental stewardship and agricultural production. Credentialed Professionals in agriculture deserve the same privacy protections as their licensed counterparts in other industries. Specifically, AB 2086 will ensure that the home addresses of these employees and small business owners are not made available to the public.”

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 74-0, 4/23/26

AYES: Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Solache, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Addis, Hadwick, Celeste Rodriguez, Sharp-Collins, Soria, Wicks

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