

THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 2086
Author: Ellis (R) and Jeff Gonzalez (R), et al.
Introduced: 8/19/26 in Senate
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 1) prohibits certain personal information of individual applicants, licensees, and certificate holders collected for a pest control license that has been submitted to the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR); 2) provides the applicant or licensee's address of record may be disclosed unless the individual applicant or licensee designated it as personal information by the certificate holder; and 3) allows the department to use an individual applicant or licensee's personal information for internal administrative uses.

Senate Floor Amendments of 8/19/26 provide that the applicant or licensee's address of record may be disclosed unless it was designated personal information by the certificate holder.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Establishes DPR 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) Exempts, specifically, 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 individual 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) Defines, for purposes of this section, "personal information" to mean information, other than the name, 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.

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https://clerk.assembly.ca.gov/sites/clerk.assembly.ca.gov/files/archive/Statutes/1991/91Vol4_Gov_Reorg_plan1.pdf

- 3) States an individual applicant, licensee, or certificate holder's address of record may be disclosed by DPR unless the individual applicant, licensee, or certificate holder has designated the address of record as personal information.
- 4) States this section does not prohibit DPR from using personal information for internal administrative uses.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/19/26)

California Agricultural Aircraft Association
California Association of Pest Control Advisers

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/19/26)

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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