# California SB 942: AI Transparency Act

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## Summary

SB 942 (the 'California AI Transparency Act'), Chapter 291, Statutes of 2024, adds §§ 22757–22757.4 to the California Business and Professions Code — a generative-AI provenance-and-disclosure law regulating 'covered providers' (a person that produces a publicly-accessible GenAI system with over 1,000,000 monthly visitors or users). Covered providers must: make available a free, public AI-detection tool (§ 22757.2(a)); offer users the option of a human-perceptible 'manifest' disclosure marking content as AI-generated (§ 22757.3(a)); and embed a machine-readable 'latent' disclosure in AI-generated image/video/audio content conveying provenance metadata — provider name, GenAI system name and version, creation/alteration time, and a unique identifier (§ 22757.3(b)). AB 853 (Chapter 674, Statutes of 2025) amended the act — most importantly DEFERRING the operative date from Jan. 1, 2026 to Aug. 2, 2026 — and added phased duties for 'large online platforms' and 'GenAI hosting platforms' that make model weights/source code available for download (§§ 22757.3.1–.3.2, operative Jan. 1, 2027) and 'capture device manufacturers' (§ 22757.3.3, operative Jan. 1, 2028). Enforcement is government-only: a $5,000-per-violation civil penalty in an action by the Attorney General, a city attorney, or a county counsel (§ 22757.4) — NO private right of action, distinct from SB 243's private action (§ 22605). Status adopted_not_in_force: enacted, but the covered-provider duties are not operative until Aug. 2, 2026.

## At a glance

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Status

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