

# Geolocation Privacy Protection Act

Illinois House Bill No. 2785 | House Sponsor: Ann Williams



The Bill seeks to protect Illinois citizens by making it unlawful for private parties to track their movements through their smart phones or other digital devices, without permission.

THE WALLSTREETJOURNAL REVEALS THAT NEARLY

# 50%

OF TOP SMART PHONE APPS (INCLUDING KIDS' APPS) COLLECT AND SHARE LOCATION DATA WITHOUT CONSENT

Geolocation information is often used to stalk, discriminate, and harass people, including children.

Each time a person uses a location-based application, private companies obtain detailed records of who that person is, where she goes and for how long. Failing to protect this information not only violates our privacy, but also our freedom of expression and association.

## KNOWING WHERE A PERSON IS, MEANS KNOWING WHAT SHE IS DOING

Whether it's visiting a place of worship, attending an alcoholics anonymous meeting, participating in a peaceful march, visiting a doctor's office, or even interviewing for a new job. The detailed location data that private companies obtain from your phone and sell to third parties reveal this and more.

# 100+ MILLION

SINGAPORE-BASED AD NETWORK ACCUSED OF TRACKING THE GEOLOCATION DATA OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE – INCLUDING CHILDREN - THROUGH THEIR SMART PHONES WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT

# 25,000 WOMEN

STALKED ANNUALLY USING LOCATION DATA

ACCORDING TO A SPECIAL REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THIS FIGURE IS BASED ON 2006 DATA WHEN THERE WERE AT LEAST SIX TIMES FEWER SMART PHONES THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS DATA DOES NOT REFLECT CURRENT CONDITIONS GIVEN THE ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY AND THAT IT NEEDS TO BE UPDATED

## KNOWING WHERE A PERSON IS, ALSO MEANS KNOWING WHERE SHE IS NOT

The ramifications are dangerous.

For instance, a service called PleaseRobMe aggregated data from location-based services to highlight homes that were empty, making them easy pickings for thieves

We have the opportunity now to put an end to these dangerous practices. Illinois citizens have a right to be able to make meaningful choices about when location data is collected about them and how that data is being used.

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