It’s All About the States: Navigating the Privacy Thicket

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Agenda

- History of state legislation on privacy and security
- Background, provisions and current status of CCPA
- Other states’ new privacy efforts
- Federal enforcement and legislative responses
- What to expect next?
- What to do next?
Privacy And Security

- A promise of *privacy* is meaningless without *security*.

  - *Privacy*: Deciding ownership, use and disclosure of personal information
    - A public policy question – societal, business, political
    - As a result, more “law dependent”

- *Security*: Protecting information from unauthorized or unwanted access or disclosure
  - An implementation issue – technical, administrative, “cultural”
Early efforts in privacy

- Focused on credit reporting agencies, largely (although not entirely) preempted
- CalFIPA (2004) and Vermont Financial Privacy Act (2001)
- California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA) (2012)
- A few states enacted certain types of online privacy acts, requiring privacy notices, tracking disclosures and the like
- Sector-specific or narrowly targeted
Security Laws – first comprehensive safeguard req’ts

- **MA 201**
  - **WISP Required.** Massachusetts law (namely, 201 C.M.R. 17 et seq. (“MA 201”)) requires covered organizations to maintain a comprehensive written information security program (“WISP”).
    - WISP records containing personal information (“PI”) about MA residents.
  - **Risk-Based Approach.** MA 201 adopts a risk-based approach to info security, meaning that the WISP can take into account the business’ “size, scope and type.”
  - **12 implementation specifications and 8 specific control requirements**
New York DFS Cybersecurity Rule

- **Scope.** Applies to banks, insurers and other financial services institutions (MTLs) subject to its jurisdiction.

- **Cybersecurity Program.** Establish a program designed to ensure confidentiality, integrity and availability of information systems.

- **Written Policies.** Adopt written policies and procedures to protect information systems and nonpublic information.
  - Board of Directors must review; senior officer must sign off.

- **CISO.** Designate a qualified individual to serve as Chief Information Security Officer (CISO).
  - Must submit report to board, at least biannually, on policies’ effectiveness.

- **Pen Testing/Vulnerability Assessments.** Continuous monitoring or annual testing/assessments.

- **Vendors.** Design policies and procedures to ensure security of systems and non-public information accessible to third-party service providers.
  - Requires (i) vendors meet “minimum cybersecurity practices” and (ii) periodic assessment, at least annually.
State Data Breach Notification Laws

Eighteen years ago...

2002

No Legislation Enacted

Legislation Enacted
State Data Breach Notification Laws

Legislation Enacted

2020

Today...
This year, the security budget will be $10 million.  

What? That’s all?  

This year, the privacy budget will be $100,000.  

Wow! Thanks for the big increase!
The CCPA exists largely due to the efforts of one man—Alastair Mactaggart, a wealthy California real estate investor who started worrying about data privacy after talking with an engineer from Google.

- Mactaggart spent nearly $3.5 million to place an initiative on California’s November 2018 ballot to enhance privacy rights in California.
CCPA, A History: CCPA Adopted

- In California, a ballot initiative cannot be amended by the legislature.

- This brought industry to the table to fast-track a legislative alternative to the ballot initiative. After only a few weeks of negotiations, the CCPA was adopted.
CCPA History

Ballot Measure Proposed
Oct. 12, 2017

CCPA Adopted
June 28, 2018

CCPA Amended
Sept. 23, 2018

CCPA Effective Date
Jan. 1, 2020
CCPA Overview

Data Subject Rights
- Notice to Data Subjects
- Opt-Out of Sale of Information
- Receive Services on Equal Terms
- Breach Notification
- Data Portability
- Deletion
- Access

Consent/Transparency
- Opt-Out Regime
- Updated Privacy Policies
- 12 Month Opt-In Limitation
- “Do Not Sell My Personal Info”
- Opt-In for Sale of Personal Information Under Age 16

Enforcement
- Attorney General to Adopt Final Regulations by July 1, 2020
- Private Right of Action for Data Breach
- Civil Penalties: $2,500-$7,500 Per Violation

New Processes
- Verification for Access, Deletion, or Portability Requests
- Response to Data Access, Deletion, and Portability Requests within 45 Days
- Determine age of CA Resident
- Reasonable Security
What are the potential fines?

- **California AG**
  - California AG can bring civil penalties of $2,500-$7,500 depending on nature of violation (e.g., intentional or not) and can also bring injunctive relief (i.e., can order entities to stop certain practices).
  - Not until **July 2020**.

- **Individual Lawsuits**
  - However, *private right of action* (e.g., lawsuits brought by, or on behalf of, individuals) for data breaches began on January 1, 2020.
  - The potential liability can be extraordinary—companies liable for damages between $100–$750 per consumer per incident or actual damages, whichever is greater. Consumers don’t need to show actual harm!
A US GDPR?

- Some similarities, but important differences.
- No express consent requirement and opt-out from “sale” (disclosure) only.
- Narrower rights of access and deletion.
- Much narrower range of potential penalties.
## CCPA Core Requirements

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- **CCPA is broader in scope**
  - The GDPR regulates data that is traditionally thought of as “personal data”
  - CCPA regulates more information, including data related to households and devices, which will, in turn, impact systems and data sets unaffected by GDPR

- **CCPA is Still a Moving Target**
  - GDPR was negotiated for several years and went through multiple public iterations
  - CCPA was drafted and passed quickly, which may require amendments and shifting requirements

- **CCPA is Unprecedented in the US**
  - The General Data Protection Directive (GDPR’s predecessor) was in place for over 22 years
  - No comprehensive rights-based data protection framework has previously been implemented in the United States
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Important Exemptions and Limitations

- **Retention.** Adds the following language in italics: “This title shall not be construed to require a business to collect personal information that it would not otherwise collect in the ordinary course of its business, retain personal information for longer than it would otherwise retain such information in the ordinary course of its business, or reidentify or otherwise link information that is not maintained in a manner that would be considered personal information.”

- **B2B Communications (One-Year Moratorium).** Added a one-year moratorium on CCPA obligations for businesses that process personal information of individuals acting in their capacity as an employee (or owner, director, officer, or contractor) of another entity, provided such processing is related to (i) providing or receiving a product or service to/from such entity or (ii) due diligence of such entity. However, the private right of action for data breaches, right to opt-out of “sales,” and right against non-discrimination still apply. **This exemption will expire on January 1, 2021.**
Important Exemptions and Limitations, cont’d

● Exemption for three categories of employment-related “personal information” until **January 1, 2021:**
  – information that is collected from individuals in the course of a job application or from employees in the course of employment;
  – information that is collected and used solely within the context of having an emergency contact on file; and
  – information that is collected and used solely within the context of administering employment-related benefits.

● However, the notice provision and the private right of action for breach provision still apply.
Areas of Tension or Uncertainty

- **Scope of “Sale”**
- **“Publicly available information”** (which is not considered “personal information”) – “information that is lawfully made available from federal, state, or local government records”
- **Non-discrimination.** A business may charge a consumer a different amount or provide a different level or quality of goods or services “if that difference is reasonably related to the value provided to the business by the consumer’s data” (rather than the value provided to the consumer)
- **How to treat non-Californians?**
US State and Federal Efforts to Strengthen Privacy Rules

Legislation has been introduced or enacted in at least 15 US states:

State
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Mexico
- New Jersey
- New York
- Nevada
- North Dakota
- Rhode Island
- Texas
- Virginia
- Washington

Federal

Dec. 18, 2019
House Energy & Commerce Committee staff circulate a draft bipartisan privacy bill.

Nov. 26, 2019
Consumer Online Privacy Rights Act introduced in Senate

April 10, 2019
BROWSER Act introduced in Senate

Jan. 15-16, 2019
Apple CEO Tim Cook and GAO both recommend “comprehensive federal privacy legislation.”
But first . . .
If enough signatures are received, the California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (the “CPRA”) will appear on the Nov. 2020 ballot initiative.

Would go into effect January 1, 2023

New right to opt-out of “sharing”
- “Sharing” is a disclosure even without consideration, and expressly including for behavioral advertising.
- Limited exception for targeting using only first-party data of website with which the consumer is “intentionally interacting.”

Establishment of “California Privacy Protection Agency”: Tasked with implementing and enforcing the CPRA
CCPA 2.0 cont’d

- New or modified links on homepage:
  - “Do Not Sell or Share My Personal Information”:
    - Allows opt-out of both (i) “sales” and (ii) any “sharing” of personal information.
  - “Limit the Use of My Sensitive Information”:
    - Allows opt-out of use of “sensitive personal information” except for defined business purposes.

- One “clearly labeled” link allowed if it allows same opt-out functionality (unknown what it needs to be called)
Nevada ("mini-CCPA")

- In May 2019, law amended to require online services to post privacy notices with right of opt-out from "sale"
  - "Sale" means transfer for money of covered information to a person for resale/re-transfer (narrower than CCPA)
  - "Covered information" also is narrower than CCPA
- Applies to anyone targeting NV consumers (in traditional sense)
- Excludes entities covered by GLBA or HIPAA
- No rights of access, deletion, portability, non-discrimination
- No private right of action
Maine

- Act to Protect Consumer Online Personal Information
- Reaction to congressional reversal of Obama-era FCC rule
- Broadband service provider cannot use or disclose customer PI absent express consent
  - Standard exceptions (advertise own products, payment, fraud, etc.)
  - Covers “information from a customer's use of broadband Internet access service, including but not limited to...” browsing and app usage, precise geolocation, financial, health, children, device ID, etc.
- Must implement “reasonable” security measures
- Cannot condition or disadvantage service based on refusal to consent
- Only applies to BSPs operating within the state
- In some respects broader than longstanding MN and NV laws governing ISPs
- ISPs have filed suit, attacking constitutionality of the statute
New York

- Back to security paradigm with SHIELD Act
- Takes effect March 2020
- Mandates certain security measures (similar to MA)
- Expands definition of “private information” (consistent with some other states)
- Expands notice obligation to include “access” (not just “acquisition”)
CCPA/GDPR “Copycat” Bills

- **“Washington Privacy Act”** (SB 6281):
  - Right to opt-out of sales, profiling and targeted advertising
  - Imports “controller” and “processor” definitions from the GDPR
  - Enforcement by attorney general only

- **New Jersey** (SB 269)
  - Requires disclosure of legal basis for each processing activity
    - Doesn’t define or otherwise elaborate on what a “legal basis” is
  - Requires data retention period
  - Information security program must meet standard imposed by (i) applicable federal law or (ii) industry standards.
New York Privacy Act (SB 5642)
- Similar to CCPA but more far-reaching in some respects
- Creates “data fiduciary” obligations that supersede duties to owners or shareholders
- No processing of personal data without opt-in consent
  - “Consent” definition imported from GDPR
- Imports “controller” and “processor” definitions from GDPR
- Private right of action
- No location, size or revenue exceptions for those covered
Illinois (a mini-CCPA)

- Data Transparency and Privacy Act – not yet enacted
- Similar to CCPA, although somewhat narrower
- Excludes employment context
- Applies only to a “private entity” that owns a website or application that either buys, receives, sells or shares for a commercial purpose the information of more than 50,000 consumers or derives 50% or more of its annual revenues from selling personal information
- More limited transparency/disclosure obligation
- Narrower definition of sale: “selling, renting, or licensing of a consumer’s personal information by an operator to a third party in direct exchange for monetary consideration, whereby, as a result of such transaction, the third party may use the personal information for its own commercial purposes.”
- Blanket carve-out for entities regulated by GLBA and HIPAA (but not FCRA)
CCPA/GDPR “Copycat” Bills

- Other “copycat” bills:
  - Nebraska (LB 746)
  - New Hampshire (HB 1680-FN)
  - Virginia (HB 473)

- Other bills more limited in scope also introduced to state legislatures

- All bills are relatively early in committee process
  - Washington Privacy Act likely furthest along
Federal Debate and Action

- BROWSER Act, introduced in Senate with bipartisan sponsorship
  - Applies to “broadband internet access services” and “edge services”
  - Requires “clear and conspicuous” notice of privacy policy (prescribes requirements)
  - Opt-in for use or disclosure of “sensitive” information
    - Includes financial, health, children under 13, SSN, precise geolocation, browsing history/app usage and content of communications
  - Opt-out for other information
  - No forced waiver
  - FTC enforces; **preempts state law**
Federal Debate and Action

- **Consumer Online Privacy Act**
  - Democratic sponsors
  - Broad definition of PI
  - Preemption of conflicting state laws but **not** those with greater protection
  - Rights of opt-out for transfer, access, deletion, correction and portability; may not waive those rights
  - Obligation of data minimization and express consent for “sensitive” data (including intimate images and geolocation information)
  - Requires appointment of privacy officer and privacy/risk assessments
  - Non-discrimination limitations on use of data
Federal Debate and Action

- COPRA, cont’d
  - “reasonable” security practices, including vulnerability assessments, secure data retention and disposal, and employee training
  - “Large” data collectors require CEO certification
    - 5M data subjects/100K “sensitive” data
  - New privacy/security-focused bureau within FTC
  - FTC and state attorneys general can enforce
  - Private right of action (damages from $100 to $1K per violation per day)
  - Prohibits pre-dispute arbitration agreements
  - Excludes “small” businesses from its scope
    - Annual revenue of $25M or less
    - Process PI of fewer than 100K data subjects and
    - Derives less than 50% of revenue from transferring PI to others
Federal Debate and Action

- Republican alternative (Sen. Wicker (R-MS))
  - Similar to COPRA but narrower
  - No explicit non-discrimination provisions.
  - Privacy impact assessments only required of “large” data holders.
  - Preempts state laws “related to the data privacy or security and associated activities of covered entities.”
  - Does not preclude arbitration and silent on private right of action.
  - Includes an interesting “constitutional avoidance” provision.
  - Affirmative consent for transfer of minor’s data; if under 16, parental consent required.
NIST Privacy Framework

- Attempt to systematize how companies think about privacy
  - Similar approach to Cybersecurity Framework

- Core
  - Activities and outcomes that enable dialogue about managing privacy risk

- Profiles
  - Specific functions, categories and specifications that manage risk

- Implementation Tiers
  - Support communication regarding whether sufficient mechanisms in place

- Not binding; faces significant challenges
In The Meantime, How to Comply?

- Federal deliverance is not coming (soon).
- CCPA, CCPA, CCPA
- Risk-based approach to advertising and other forms of “sale”
- Decide whether and to what extent to extend CCPA rights to others
  - Full rights
  - No rights
  - “Directionally similar” rights
Steps to Compliance

**Know Your Data**
- Inventory your data – know what personal information you collect and why
- Map your data – know how information is collected, where it is stored, who has access to it, where (and to whom) it is transferred and how long you keep it

**Know Your 3rd Parties**
- Know what 3rd parties have access to your data – create an inventory of all 3rd parties to which you may transfer data and why
- Execute contracts – make sure all of your 3rd party contracts include data protection language and are clear about how 3rd parties must assist with compliance

**Processes and Communication**
- Review your existing compliance measures – are GDPR processes adaptable? How deal with rights to access and deletion? Opt out from “sale”?
- Communicate clearly – make sure your privacy notices are up-to-date and you provide at least 2 methods for consumers to contact you with requests or questions
- Review Data Retention Schedules
- Raise Internal Awareness

**Be Aware of Shifting Landscape**
- Watch for regulatory and legislative development – this is a moving target
- Watch for industry interpretations – many industries are creating guidelines for CCPA compliance; watch for those to understand how others in your industry are interpreting the law and future laws
Thank you!

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