

### Bill of law related to the disappearance of persons

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Recently, President Claudia Sheinbaum issued the bill of law amending several provisions of the (i) General Law on Forced Disappearance of Persons, Disappearance Committed by Individuals, and the National System for the Search for Persons; and (ii) the General Population Law (the "Bill").

The Bill seeks to enhance the search, location, and identification of missing persons in Mexico by strengthening coordination between public and private entities that process biometric and identification data, to enable authorities to review records, databases, and information systems for investigation purposes.

#### **I. New obligations imposed on private entities**

Private entities, regardless of their nature, that handle biometric or any other identification data due to their functions or activities, are required to grant **immediate and unrestricted access** to certain authorities.

Similarly, private entities that generate or have access to images and measurements from satellites, drones, or other telecommunication devices and technologies must also provide access to such authorities.

In addition, the Bill imposes new obligations in relation to the CURP, which must be used in the validation and authentication processes of individuals' identities in digital media, as well as for the provision of procedures and services.

#### **II. Liabilities and sanctions**

Non-compliance by private entities who possess databases, records, or information and that, pursuant to the Bill, are required to allow access to such data, provide and update information, will be sanctioned with fines imposed by the Ministry of the Interior.

### III. Legal implications

If enacted, the Bill will impose various operational and technical challenges to allow unrestricted and immediate access to biometric and identifying data, as well as to satellite, drone, and other telecommunications technology images and measurements.

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