

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1956

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilk

February 12, 2016

An act to amend Section 22948.6 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to network security.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1956, as introduced, Wilk. Network security.

Existing law requires a device that includes an integrated and enabled wireless access point, if the device is manufactured on or after October 1, 2007, for use in a small office, home office, or residential setting, and that is used in a federally unlicensed spectrum, to include a warning advising the consumer how to protect his or her wireless network connection or a warning sticker, or to provide other protection that, among other things, requires affirmative action by the consumer prior to use of the device.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 22948.6 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 22948.6. (a) A device that includes an integrated and enabled
- 4 wireless access point, such as a premises-based wireless network
- 5 router or wireless access bridge, that is for use in a ~~small office,~~
- 6 home office, *small office*, or residential setting and that is sold as

1 new in this state for use in a ~~small office~~, home office, *small office*,
2 or residential setting shall be manufactured to comply with one of
3 the following:

4 (1) Include in its software a security warning that comes up as
5 part of the configuration process of the device. The warning shall
6 advise the consumer how to protect his or her wireless network
7 connection from unauthorized access. This requirement may be
8 met by providing the consumer with instructions to protect his or
9 her wireless network connection from unauthorized access, which
10 may refer to a product manual, the manufacturer's Internet Web
11 site, or a consumer protection Internet Web site that contains
12 accurate information advising the consumer on how to protect his
13 or her wireless network connection from unauthorized access.

14 (2) Have attached to the device a temporary warning sticker
15 that must be removed by the consumer in order to allow its use.
16 The warning shall advise the consumer how to protect his or her
17 wireless network connection from unauthorized access. This
18 requirement may be met by advising the consumer that his or her
19 wireless network connection may be accessible by an unauthorized
20 user and referring the consumer to a product manual, the
21 manufacturer's Internet Web site, or a consumer protection Internet
22 Web site that contains accurate information advising the consumer
23 on how to protect his or her wireless network connection from
24 unauthorized access.

25 (3) Provide other protection on the device that does all of the
26 following:

27 (A) Advises the consumer that his or her wireless network
28 connection may be accessible by an unauthorized user.

29 (B) Advises the consumer how to protect his or her wireless
30 network connection from unauthorized access.

31 (C) Requires an affirmative action by the consumer prior to
32 allowing use of the product.

33 Additional information may also be available in the product
34 manual or on the manufacturer's Internet Web site.

35 (4) Provide other protection prior to allowing use of the device,
36 that is enabled without an affirmative act by the consumer, to
37 protect the consumer's wireless network connection from
38 unauthorized access.

1 (b) This section shall only apply to devices that include an
2 integrated and enabled wireless access point and that are used in
3 a federally unlicensed spectrum.

4 (c) This section shall only apply to products that are
5 manufactured on or after October 1, 2007.

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