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**Attorney General and Department of Public Service
Announce Hearings on Protecting the Privacy of Vermonters**

Attorney General T.J. Donovan, in consultation with the Department of Public Service, has announced the first of a series of meetings to consider legislative proposals to protect the privacy of Vermonters. The hearing will take place on Thursday, July 12, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at 29 Church Street, 3rd Floor in Burlington, Vermont (best entrance for the public is located at 110 Cherry Street). Citizens, industry representatives, businesspeople, and members of academia are invited to attend and provide their insights.

Topics under consideration will include, but not be limited to:

- Adoption of regulations concerning telecommunications privacy and whether to model such rules after the FCC's 2016 Privacy Order, [WC Docket No. 16-106, FCC 16-148, adopted Oct. 27, 2016](#). The request for this recommendation was made in [Act 66 of 2017](#).
- Whether Vermont should designate a Chief Privacy Officer, and what the responsibilities of that Officer would be. This request was made in [Act 171 of 2018](#).
- Whether to regulate businesses that handle the data of consumers with whom they have a direct relationship, as requested in Act 171.
- Questions, concerns, and recommendations regarding the implementation of the Data Broker Registry, as authorized in Act 171.
- Changes that should be made to Vermont's [Security Breach Notice Act](#), 9 V.S.A. § 2435.
- Questions or concerns regarding the State of Vermont's handling of citizen's data.
- Laws and regulations that can be adopted to encourage the growth of privacy-oriented technology companies in Vermont.

- The necessity of any additional approaches to protecting the data security and privacy of Vermont consumers.

If you wish to comment or attend, please contact: My-Lanh Graves at 802-828-5479 or MyLanh.Graves@Vermont.gov. More information about the Attorney General Donovan's efforts to protect consumers can be found at the [Vermont Attorney General's Consumer Information webpage](#).

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