

Internet protection bill on Brown's desk

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SACRAMENTO – Internet users would get more protection for their confidential information under a bill that lawmakers sent Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday.

The legislators also want Brown to extend carpool-lane access for owners of hybrid plug-in vehicles and to toughen state rules for storing guns.

The Internet bill is an effort to keep up with technology, lawmakers said. Existing law requires that consumers be notified when database operators find breaches that disclose Social Security, driver's license and credit card numbers or medical records.

But California does not require customer notification when passwords, user names or security questions and answers are breached.

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