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PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION DRAFT BILL SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT

JAKARTA: On late January 2020, the Indonesian government has officially submitted the draft bill on the personal data protection to the Parliament (DPR) to be discussed and agreed as a law.

In the cover letter submitted to the Parliament, the government assigns the Minister of Communication and Information, the Minister of Home Affairs, and the Minister of Law and Human to discuss the draft bill.

The personal data protection law aims to, among other things, guarantee and protect the fundamental rights of citizens regarding personal data protection, from processing of personal data by the government, corporation, business actors, and other organizations or institutions.

Also, the personal data protection law is expected to foster digital economic growth and information technology industry as well as to support the improvement of competitiveness in the domestic sectors.


The public has long awaited the personal data protection law amid increased use and processing of personal data by various parties, and being transferred from one to another without the knowledge of the owner of such data.

Minister of Communication and Information, Johny G Plate believes that Indonesia will have a personal data protection law this year provided that the discussion of the bill in the Parliament continues smoothly.

If this can be realized, Indonesia will be the fifth country in the ASEAN region to have a law on personal data protection. Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines already have a regulation on personal data protection.

The personal data protection law is created to protect the personal data of Indonesian people. Of the 180 countries in the world, 126 countries have a law on personal data protection.

The draft bill on personal data protection has been long prepared and discussed by government agencies and stakeholders for a long time. However, it is only now that they have been submitted to the Parliament.



The draft bill regulates various things, including the definition of personal data, types of personal data, what are the rights of the owner of personal data, how to process personal data, what is the duty of personal data controller.

Besides, the draft bill also regulates the transfer of personal data within the Indonesian jurisdiction and out of Indonesian territory as well as any restrictions on use of personal data. It also regulates the administrative and criminal sanctions.

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