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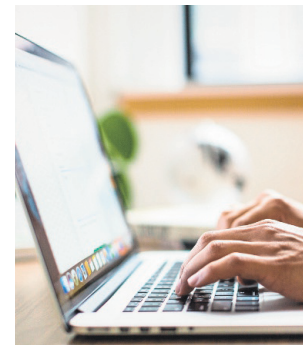
PRIVACY LAW WILL HAVE PENALTIES FOR THOSE THAT ABUSE CANADIANS' DATA

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The federal Liberals will propose penalties Tuesday for companies that abuse Canadians' personal data in what is being billed as a "significant" reform to the country's privacy laws, the Star has learned.

A federal source told the Star that the new legislation, expected as early as this week, will attempt to bring the country's aging privacy regime up to international standards.

Within the government, the legislation is viewed as the implementation of the Liberals' long-promised "digital charter" that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced in 2018, which promised Canadians greater control over



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and transparency around how private companies use the personal information they collect.

"It's a leap forward for the privacy protections

that Canadians have. It's really about more control over what companies can do with your data, and greater transparency about what they've done with your data once they have it," said the source, who agreed to discuss the government's plan on the condition they not be named.

Canada's privacy regime has not been significantly updated since the advent of smartphones. The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is seen by advocates as the current gold standard for a modern privacy regime. The GDPR legislation was enacted in 2018 and is heavily focused on requiring companies obtain consent before col-

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