



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5614

LCO No. 4155



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING "E-BOOKS" AND LIBRARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) Any person who offers to
2 license electronic books to the public shall offer to license such books
3 to libraries in the state on reasonable terms that would permit the
4 libraries to provide their users with access to the electronic books.
5 Such reasonable terms may include: (1) A limitation on the number of
6 users to whom the libraries may simultaneously provide access to the
7 electronic books, (2) a limitation on the number of days the libraries
8 may provide a user with access to the electronic books, and (3) the use
9 of technological protection measures that would prevent a user from
10 (A) maintaining access to the electronic books beyond the access
11 period set forth in the license, and (B) providing other users with
12 access to the electronic books.

13 (b) A violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed an
14 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
15 110b of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require publishers of electronic books to offer e-books for sale to libraries on reasonable terms that would permit libraries to provide their users with access to such books.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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