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**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 5614

File No. 167

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING "E-BOOKS" AND LIBRARIES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Within available  
4 appropriations, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in  
5 consultation with the State Librarian and the Attorney General, shall  
6 conduct a study regarding the availability of electronic books to users  
7 of public libraries in this state. When conducting the study, said  
8 commissioner shall consider information provided by interested third  
9 parties, including, but not limited to, authors, representatives of public  
10 libraries, book publishers and third-party electronic book distributors.

11 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
12 shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a survey of whether and how  
13 book publishers and third-party electronic book distributors sell,  
14 license or otherwise make electronic books available to users of public

15 libraries in this state, (2) what problems, if any, exist with current  
 16 practices regarding the availability of electronic books to users of  
 17 public libraries in this state, and (3) recommendations to increase the  
 18 availability of electronic books to users of public libraries in this state.

19 (c) Not later than February 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Consumer  
 20 Protection, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
 21 shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to subsection  
 22 (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General  
 23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer  
 24 protection."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section