AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC BOOK LICENSING.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2022) (a) As used in this section, (1) "electronic book" means a text document converted into or published in a digital format that is read on a computer or portable electronic device, (2) "publisher" means any person in the business of the manufacture, promulgation or sale of books, journals or other literary productions, including those in digital form, consisting of text, imagery or both, (3) "portable electronic device" means any self-contained electronic device for personal use for communicating, reading, viewing, listening, playing video games, or computing, including a mobile telephone, tablet computer, electronic book reader, and other similar devices, and (4) "reasonable terms" means purchase or licensing specifications that consider publishers' business models as well as libraries' efficient use of funds in providing library services.

(b) Any publisher who offers any contract or product license for the acquisition or use of any electronic book to the public shall, upon the request of any library in this state, offer such contract or product license
to the requesting library on reasonable terms that would permit the requesting library to provide its library users with access to such electronic book.

(c) Any contract or license agreement between any publisher and any library entered into pursuant to subsection (b) of this section may require (1) a limitation on the number of users a library may allow simultaneous access to an electronic book, (2) a limitation on the number of days a library may allow a user to access an electronic book, and (3) the library's use of technological protection measures that prevent a user from (A) maintaining access to an electronic book beyond the access period specified in the license, and (B) providing other users with access to an electronic book.

(d) Any contract or license agreement between any publisher and any library entered into pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall not include a limitation on the number of electronic book licenses a library may purchase on the same date such electronic book is made available for purchase by the public.

(e) Any publisher that violates the provisions of this section shall have committed an unfair trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | October 1, 2022 | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To require publishers of electronic books to license such books to public libraries on reasonable terms.

[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.]