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AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC BOOK LICENSING.

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

That the general statutes be amended to provide that any publisher who offers to license electronic books to the public shall offer to license such books to libraries in the state on reasonable terms, including, but not limited to, (1) a limitation on the number of users to whom such libraries may simultaneously provide access to an electronic book, (2) a limitation on the number of days such libraries may provide users with access to an electronic book, and (3) the use of technological protection measures to prevent users from (A) maintaining access to electronic books beyond the access period set forth in a license, and (B) providing other users with access to electronic books. Such reasonable terms shall not include a limitation on the number of licenses for electronic books a library may purchase and make available to the public.

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