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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC BOOK LICENSING.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that any publisher
2 who offers to license electronic books to the public shall offer to license
3 such books to libraries in the state on reasonable terms, including, but
4 not limited to, (1) a limitation on the number of users to whom such
5 libraries may simultaneously provide access to an electronic book, (2) a
6 limitation on the number of days such libraries may provide users with
7 access to an electronic book, and (3) the use of technological protection
8 measures to prevent users from (A) maintaining access to electronic
9 books beyond the access period set forth in a license, and (B) providing
10 other users with access to electronic books. Such reasonable terms shall
11 not include a limitation on the number of licenses for electronic books a
12 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.