

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2007**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Barry R. Finegold***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act relative to fair software licensing.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Barry R. Finegold*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2007) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to fair software licensing. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to fair software licensing.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 7D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 11 the following section:-

3           Section 12. Fair software licensing

4           (a) The terms of a contract entered into by any state agency for the licensing of software  
5 applications designed to run on generally available desktop or server hardware shall not limit the  
6 ability of the state agency to install or run the software on the hardware of the agency’s choosing.

7           (b) The secretary of the executive office of technology services and security shall issue  
8 administrative directives to carry out this section.

9           SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall apply to any contract or addendum for the  
10 licensing of software applications on or after the effective date of this act.