

SENATE No. 2007

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>1/25/2024</i>

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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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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

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.