SENATE . . . . No.

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 providing for software licensing fairness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barry R. Finegold	*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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An Act providing for software licensing fairness.

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 is hereby amended by adding the

2   following new section:-

3   Section 12. Fair software licensing

4   (a) A contract for the licensing of software applications, which are intended to be

5   installed by a governmental body and designed to run on generally available desktop or server

6   hardware, shall not limit such governmental body's ability to install or run the software on the

7   hardware of the governmental body's choosing.

8   (b) The secretary of technology services and security may promgulate regulations or

9   otherwise issue administrative directives to carry out the purposes of this section.

10   SECTION 2. Section 1 shall apply to any contract or addendum for the licensing of

11   software applications on or after the effective date of this act.