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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to software licensing restrictions for certain
2 state entities, and including applicability provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **8.85A Software licensing**
2 **contracts.**

3 The terms of a software licensing contract entered into by
4 the department or a supported entity for a software application
5 designed to be installed and run on generally available desktop
6 or server hardware shall not limit the ability of the department
7 or supported entity to install or run the software application
8 on the desktop or server hardware selected by the department or
9 supported entity.

10 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to software
11 licensing contracts and software licensing addendums entered into
12 or renewed by the department of management or a supported entity,
13 as defined in section 8.76, on or after the effective date of
14 this Act.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill prohibits a software licensing contract entered into
19 by the department of management (DOM) or a supported entity
20 for a software application designed to be installed and run on
21 generally available desktop or server hardware from limiting the
22 ability of DOM or the supported entity to install or run the
23 software application on the desktop or server hardware selected
24 by DOM or the supported entity.

25 The bill applies to software licensing contracts and addendums
26 entered into by DOM or a supported entity on or after July 1,
27 2026.

28 Under Code chapter 8, subchapter XI (information technology),
29 a supported entity is an authority, board, commission, committee,
30 council, department, or independent agency of state government,
31 but does not include the office of the governor, the office
32 of an elective constitutional or statutory officer, the general
33 assembly, the judicial branch, a political subdivision of the
34 state, or the state board of regents and its institutions.