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05/15/2014	9666	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary

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A bill for an act

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relating to data practices; limiting assertion of copyright interests in government

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data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13.03, subdivision 5.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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Subd. 5. **Copyright or patent of government data.** (a) A government entity must

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not claim or enforce a copyright interest in government data unless the government entity

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has express statutory authority to do so.

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(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a government entity may enforce a copyright or

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acquire a patent for a computer software program or components of a program created by

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that government entity without statutory authority. In the event that a government entity

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acquires a patent to a computer software program or component of a program, the data

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shall be treated as trade secret information pursuant to section 13.37.