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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3391**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to data practices; limiting assertion of copyright interests in government  
1.3 data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13.03, subdivision 5.

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

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

1.6 Subd. 5. **Copyright or patent of government data.** (a) A government entity must  
1.7 not claim or enforce a copyright interest in government data unless the government entity  
1.8 has express statutory authority to do so.

1.9 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a government entity may enforce a copyright or  
1.10 acquire a patent for a computer software program or components of a program created by  
1.11 that government entity without statutory authority. In the event that a government entity  
1.12 acquires a patent to a computer software program or component of a program, the data  
1.13 shall be treated as trade secret information pursuant to section 13.37.