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A bill for an act

relating to data practices; limiting assertion of copyright interests in government data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 13.03, subdivision 5.

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

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

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

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