

What is HB5236?

the

Digital Library Protection Act

Why libraries love it

It works to **help our libraries and save tax dollars**. In its current form, the bill basically says that when publishers license e-books and digital audiobooks to libraries, they **can no longer set unreasonable prices** and **restrictive terms that obstruct** libraries' ability to function normally.

Why publishers hate it

For years, **major publishers** have been using their exorbitant library e-book prices to **line their pockets with taxpayer dollars**. This bill would put a stop to that in **Illinois and several other states with trigger laws** addressing the same issue.

More Information

Learn more about this issue by scanning the QR code here or visiting www.ila.org/advocacy/ready-set-advocate-ebook-legislation



on average, your
**LIBRARY PAYS
4X MORE**
than you for
**THE SAME
E-BOOK**

HB5236 Protects

equity

Astronomical e-book prices **throttle access** at libraries in **impoverished communities**, furthering **inequity**.

privacy

Publishers enforce checkout limits with **tech that collects data on e-book readers**—a violation of **patron privacy** and Illinois law.

accessibility

Digital lending is often **the only way to access library materials** for working parents, rural students, seniors, and people with disabilities.