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**House Bill 4694**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Gerald H. Law**  
**Committee: Judiciary**

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**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4694 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-89**

Public Act 378 of 1988 generally prohibits disclosures of information on a customer's rentals of books, videos, and sound recordings. Violation of the act is a misdemeanor.

The bill would establish civil remedies for violation of the act. Regardless of any criminal prosecution for a violation, a person who violated the act would be liable for civil damages to the customer identified in prohibited disclosure. The customer could recover the greater of \$10,000 or actual damages (including damages for emotional distress), plus costs and reasonable attorney fees.

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