

*State of New Hampshire*  
*By Her Excellency*  
*Jeanne Shaheen, Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2000-4**

**An order directing state agencies to improve practices to prevent  
and combat computer software piracy**

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire is home to over 1,000 software companies and has the highest concentration of high-technology workers in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, high-technology industries generate 15 percent of New Hampshire's gross state product, create thousands of jobs and are a driving force in New Hampshire's new economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Hampshire is a significant purchaser of computer-related services and equipment, purchasing more than \$30 million annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance to New Hampshire's technology-based economy of combating computer software piracy makes it incumbent on the State of New Hampshire to ensure that its own practices as a purchaser and user of computer software are exemplary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEANNE SHAHEEN**, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. In order to prevent and combat computer software piracy, each agency, department, board, commission and office of the executive branch (hereinafter referred to as "agency" or "agencies") shall establish procedures to ensure that the agency only uses computer software in a manner compliant with applicable state and federal copyright laws. If agencies become aware that contractors or grantees are using State funds to acquire, operate or maintain computer software in violation of copyright laws, agencies shall take such measures as the agency head deems appropriate and consistent with the requirements of law.
2. The Department of Administrative Services shall develop appropriate language for inclusion in state contracts to prohibit the use of state funds for the acquisition, operation or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws. Such language shall be required in all state contracts involving the purchase or utilization of computer software in the performance of such contracts.

3. The Department of Administrative Services shall be the principal government department responsible for improving executive agency practices regarding the acquisition and use of computer software, and monitoring and eliminating the use of unauthorized computer software. The Department shall provide advice and issue standards, policies, or guidelines to executive agencies regarding appropriate measures to carry out this order. The Department shall issue its initial guidance within six months of this order.
  
4. This Executive Order is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, at law or equity by a party against the State of New Hampshire, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

Given under my hand and seal in Bedford,  
New Hampshire, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the  
year two thousand.

  
Governor of New Hampshire