

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3456

To amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United States Code.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 1999

Mr. COBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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The Committee on the Judiciary discharged; considered and passed

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Digital Theft Deter-  
5 rence and Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATUTORY DAMAGES ENHANCEMENT.**

7 Section 504(e) of title 17, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “\$500” and inserting  
2 “\$750”; and

3 (B) by striking “\$20,000” and inserting  
4 “\$30,000”; and

5 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$100,000”  
6 and inserting “\$150,000”.

7 **SEC. 3. SENTENCING COMMISSION GUIDELINES.**

8 Within 120 days after the date of the enactment of  
9 this Act, or within 120 days after the first date on which  
10 there is a sufficient number of voting members of the Sen-  
11 tencing Commission to constitute a quorum, whichever is  
12 later, the Commission shall promulgate emergency guide-  
13 line amendments to implement section 2(g) of the No  
14 Electronic Theft (NET) Act (28 U.S.C. 994 note) in ac-  
15 cordance with the procedures set forth in section 21(a)  
16 of the Sentencing Act of 1987, as though the authority  
17 under that Act had not expired.

18 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply to  
20 any action brought on or after the date of the enactment  
21 of this Act, regardless of the date on which the alleged  
22 activity that is the basis of the action occurred.

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