

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1257

AN ACT

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

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATUTORY DAMAGES ENHANCEMENT.**

2 Section 504(c) of title 17, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) by striking “\$500” and inserting
6 “\$750”; and

7 (B) by striking “\$20,000” and inserting
8 “\$30,000”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (2)—

10 (A) by inserting “(A)” after “(2)”;

11 (B) by striking “\$100,000” and inserting
12 “\$150,000”;

13 (C) by inserting after the second sentence
14 the following:

15 “(B) In a case where the copyright owner dem-
16 onstrates that the infringement was part of a re-
17 peated pattern or practice of willful infringement,
18 the court may increase the award of statutory dam-
19 ages to a sum of not more than \$250,000 per
20 work.”; and

21 (D) by striking “The court shall remit
22 statutory damages” and inserting the following:

1 “(C) The court shall remit statutory damages”.

Passed the Senate July 1, 1999.

Attest:

Secretary.

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