

Public Law 106-160
106th Congress

An Act

Dec. 9, 1999

[H.R. 3456]

Digital Theft
Deterrence and
Copyright
Damages
Improvement Act
of 1999.
17 USC 101 note.

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

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Digital Theft Deterrence and
Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999”.

SEC. 2. STATUTORY DAMAGES ENHANCEMENT.

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

(1) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

28 USC 994 note.

SEC. 3. SENTENCING COMMISSION GUIDELINES.

Deadline.

Within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
or within 120 days after the first date on which there is a sufficient
number of voting members of the Sentencing Commission to con-
stitute a quorum, whichever is later, the Commission shall promul-
gate emergency guideline amendments to implement section 2(g)
of the No Electronic Theft (NET) Act (29 U.S.C. 994 note) in
accordance with the procedures set forth in section 21(a) of the
Sentencing Act of 1987, as though the authority under that Act
had not expired.

17 USC 504 note.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Approved December 9, 1999.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 3456:

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WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 35 (1999):

Dec. 9, Presidential statement.