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To modernize copyright law, and for other purposes.

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

Reported by Mr. GRASSLEY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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## A BILL

To modernize copyright law, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
 5 “Music Modernization Act”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for  
 7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Rescission of unobligated balances in the Department of Justice Assets  
 Forfeiture Fund.

**TITLE I—MUSIC LICENSING MODERNIZATION**

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Blanket license for digital uses and mechanical licensing collective.

Sec. 103. Amendments to section 114.

Sec. 104. Random assignment of rate court proceedings.

**TITLE II—COMPENSATING LEGACY ARTISTS FOR THEIR SONGS,  
 SERVICE, AND IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY**

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Unauthorized digital performance of pre-1972 sound recordings.

Sec. 203. Effective date.

**TITLE III—ALLOCATION FOR MUSIC PRODUCERS**

Sec. 301. Short title.

Sec. 302. Payment of statutory performance royalties.

Sec. 303. Effective date.

8 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCES IN THE**  
 9 **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ASSETS FOR-**  
 10 **FEITURE FUND.**

11 Of the unobligated balances available under the De-  
 12 partment of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund, \$47,000,000  
 13 is hereby permanently rescinded.

1           **TITLE I—MUSIC LICENSING**  
 2                           **MODERNIZATION**

3   **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This title may be cited as the “Musical Works Mod-  
 5   ernization Act”.

6   **SEC. 102. BLANKET LICENSE FOR DIGITAL USES AND ME-**  
 7                           **CHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE.**

8           (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 115 of title 17, United  
 9   States Code, is amended—

10                   (1) in subsection (a)—

11                           (A) by inserting “IN GENERAL” after  
 12                   “AVAILABILITY AND SCOPE OF COMPULSORY  
 13                   LICENSE”;

14                           (B) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
 15                   ing the following new paragraph:

16                           “(1) ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPULSORY LI-  
 17                   CENSE.—

18                                   “(A) CONDITIONS FOR COMPULSORY LI-  
 19                   CENSE.—A person may by complying with the  
 20                   provisions of this section obtain a compulsory li-  
 21                   cense to make and distribute phonorecords of a  
 22                   nondramatic musical work, including by means  
 23                   of digital phonorecord delivery. A person may  
 24                   obtain a compulsory license only if the primary  
 25                   purpose in making phonorecords of the musical

1 work is to distribute them to the public for pri-  
2 vate use, including by means of digital phono-  
3 record delivery, and—

4 “(i) phonorecords of such musical  
5 work have previously been distributed to  
6 the public in the United States under the  
7 authority of the copyright owner of the  
8 work, including by means of digital phono-  
9 record delivery; or

10 “(ii) in the case of a digital music  
11 provider seeking to make and distribute  
12 digital phonorecord deliveries of a sound  
13 recording embodying a musical work under  
14 a compulsory license for which clause (i)  
15 does not apply—

16 “(I) the first fixation of such  
17 sound recording was made under the  
18 authority of the musical work copy-  
19 right owner, and sound recording  
20 copyright owner has the authority of  
21 the musical work copyright owner to  
22 make and distribute digital phono-  
23 record deliveries embodying such work  
24 to the public in the United States;  
25 and

1                   “(H) the sound recording copy-  
2                   right owner or its authorized dis-  
3                   tributor has authorized the digital  
4                   music provider to make and distribute  
5                   digital phonorecord deliveries of the  
6                   sound recording to the public in the  
7                   United States.

8                   “(B) DUPLICATION OF SOUND RECORD-  
9                   ING.—A person may not obtain a compulsory li-  
10                  cense for the use of the work in the making of  
11                  phonorecords duplicating a sound recording  
12                  fixed by another, including by means of digital  
13                  phonorecord delivery, unless—

14                   “(i) such sound recording was fixed  
15                   lawfully; and

16                   “(ii) the making of the phonorecords  
17                   was authorized by the owner of the copy-  
18                   right in the sound recording or, if the  
19                   sound recording was fixed before February  
20                   15, 1972, by any person who fixed the  
21                   sound recording pursuant to an express li-  
22                   cense from the owner of the copyright in  
23                   the musical work or pursuant to a valid  
24                   compulsory license for use of such work in  
25                   a sound recording.”; and

1           (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “A com-  
 2           pulsory license” and inserting “MUSICAL AR-  
 3           RANGEMENT.—A compulsory license”;

4           (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
 5           following:

6           “(b) PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN A COMPULSORY LI-  
 7           CENSE.—

8           “(1) PHONORECORDS OTHER THAN DIGITAL  
 9           PHONORECORD DELIVERIES.—A person who seeks to  
 10          obtain a compulsory license under subsection (a) to  
 11          make and distribute phonorecords of a musical work  
 12          other than by means of digital phonorecord delivery  
 13          shall, before or within 30 calendar days after mak-  
 14          ing, and before distributing, any phonorecord of the  
 15          work, serve notice of intention to do so on the copy-  
 16          right owner. If the registration or other public  
 17          records of the Copyright Office do not identify the  
 18          copyright owner and include an address at which no-  
 19          tice can be served, it shall be sufficient to file the  
 20          notice of intention with the Copyright Office. The  
 21          notice shall comply, in form, content, and manner of  
 22          service, with requirements that the Register of Copy-  
 23          rights shall prescribe by regulation.

24          “(2) DIGITAL PHONORECORD DELIVERIES.—A  
 25          person who seeks to obtain a compulsory license

1 under subsection (a) to make and distribute  
 2 phonorecords of a musical work by means of digital  
 3 phonorecord delivery—

4 “(A) prior to the license availability date,  
 5 shall, before or within 30 calendar days after  
 6 first making any such digital phonorecord deliv-  
 7 ery, serve a notice of intention to do so on the  
 8 copyright owner (but may not file the notice  
 9 with the Copyright Office, even if the public  
 10 records of the Office do not identify the owner  
 11 or the owner’s address); and such notice shall  
 12 comply, in form, content, and manner of serv-  
 13 ice, with requirements that the Register of  
 14 Copyrights shall prescribe by regulation; or

15 “(B) on or after the license availability  
 16 date, shall, before making any such digital pho-  
 17 norecord delivery, follow the procedure de-  
 18 scribed in subsection (d)(2), except as provided  
 19 in paragraph (3).

20 “(3) RECORD COMPANY INDIVIDUAL DOWNLOAD  
 21 LICENSES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2)(B), a  
 22 record company may, on or after the license avail-  
 23 ability date, obtain an individual download license in  
 24 accordance with the notice requirements described in  
 25 paragraph (2)(A) (except for the requirement that

1 notice occur prior to the license availability date). A  
 2 record company that obtains an individual download  
 3 license as permitted under this paragraph shall pro-  
 4 vide statements of account and pay royalties as pro-  
 5 vided in subsection (e)(2)(I).

6 “(4) FAILURE TO OBTAIN LICENSE.—

7 “(A) PHONORECORDS OTHER THAN DIG-  
 8 ITAL PHONORECORD DELIVERIES.—In the case  
 9 of phonorecords made and distributed other  
 10 than by means of digital phonorecord delivery,  
 11 the failure to serve or file the notice of inten-  
 12 tion required by paragraph (1) forecloses the  
 13 possibility of a compulsory license under para-  
 14 graph (1). In the absence of a voluntary license,  
 15 the failure to obtain a compulsory license ren-  
 16 ders the making and distribution of  
 17 phonorecords actionable as acts of infringement  
 18 under section 501 and subject to the remedies  
 19 provided by sections 502 through 506.

20 “(B) DIGITAL PHONORECORD DELIV-  
 21 ERIES.—

22 “(i) In the case of phonorecords made  
 23 and distributed by means of digital phono-  
 24 record delivery:



1           “(I) The failure to serve the no-  
2           tice of intention required by para-  
3           graph (2)(A) or paragraph (3), as ap-  
4           plicable, forecloses the possibility of a  
5           compulsory license under such para-  
6           graph.

7           “(II) The failure to comply with  
8           paragraph (2)(B) forecloses the possi-  
9           bility of a blanket license for a period  
10          of 3 years after the last calendar day  
11          on which the notice of license was re-  
12          quired to be submitted to the mechan-  
13          ical licensing collective under such  
14          paragraph.

15          “(ii) In either case described in clause  
16          (i), in the absence of a voluntary license,  
17          the failure to obtain a compulsory license  
18          renders the making and distribution of  
19          phonorecords by means of digital phono-  
20          record delivery actionable as acts of in-  
21          fringement under section 501 and subject  
22          to the remedies provided by sections 502  
23          through 506.”;

24          (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-  
25          lows:

1       “(c) GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO COM-  
2 PULSORY LICENSE.—

3           “(1) ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER COMPULSORY  
4 LICENSE.—

5           “(A) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—To  
6 be entitled to receive royalties under a compul-  
7 sory license obtained under subsection (b)(1)  
8 the copyright owner must be identified in the  
9 registration or other public records of the Copy-  
10 right Office. The owner is entitled to royalties  
11 for phonorecords made and distributed after  
12 being so identified, but is not entitled to recover  
13 for any phonorecords previously made and dis-  
14 tributed.

15           “(B) ROYALTY FOR PHONORECORDS  
16 OTHER THAN DIGITAL PHONORECORD DELIV-  
17 ERIES.—Except as provided by subparagraph  
18 (A), for every phonorecord made and distrib-  
19 uted under a compulsory license under sub-  
20 section (a) other than by means of digital pho-  
21 norecord delivery, with respect to each work  
22 embodied in the phonorecord, the royalty shall  
23 be the royalty prescribed under subparagraphs  
24 (D) through (F) and paragraph (2)(A) and  
25 chapter 8 of this title. For purposes of this sub-

1 paragraph, a phonorecord is considered ‘distrib-  
2 uted’ if the person exercising the compulsory li-  
3 cense has voluntarily and permanently parted  
4 with its possession.

5 “(C) ROYALTY FOR DIGITAL PHONO-  
6 RECORD DELIVERIES.—For every digital phono-  
7 record delivery of a musical work made under  
8 a compulsory license under this section, the roy-  
9 alty payable shall be the royalty prescribed  
10 under subparagraphs (D) through (F) and  
11 paragraph (2)(A) and chapter 8 of this title.

12 “(D) AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE.—Not-  
13 withstanding any provision of the antitrust  
14 laws, any copyright owners of nondramatic mu-  
15 sical works and any persons entitled to obtain  
16 a compulsory license under subsection (a) may  
17 negotiate and agree upon the terms and rates  
18 of royalty payments under this section and the  
19 proportionate division of fees paid among copy-  
20 right owners, and may designate common  
21 agents on a nonexclusive basis to negotiate,  
22 agree to, pay or receive such royalty payments.  
23 Such authority to negotiate the terms and rates  
24 of royalty payments includes, but is not limited  
25 to, the authority to negotiate the year during

1 which the royalty rates prescribed under this  
2 subparagraph and subparagraphs (E) and (F)  
3 and paragraph (2)(A) and chapter 8 of this  
4 title shall next be determined.

5 “(E) DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE  
6 RATES AND TERMS.—Proceedings under chap-  
7 ter 8 shall determine reasonable rates and  
8 terms of royalty payments for the activities  
9 specified by this section during the period be-  
10 ginning with the effective date of such rates  
11 and terms, but not earlier than January 1 of  
12 the second year following the year in which the  
13 petition requesting the proceeding is filed, and  
14 ending on the effective date of successor rates  
15 and terms, or such other period as the parties  
16 may agree. Any copyright owners of nondra-  
17 matic musical works and any persons entitled  
18 to obtain a compulsory license under subsection  
19 (a) may submit to the Copyright Royalty  
20 Judges licenses covering such activities. The  
21 parties to each proceeding shall bear their own  
22 costs.

23 “(F) SCHEDULE OF REASONABLE  
24 RATES.—The schedule of reasonable rates and  
25 terms determined by the Copyright Royalty

1 Judges shall, subject to paragraph (2)(A), be  
2 binding on all copyright owners of nondramatic  
3 musical works and persons entitled to obtain a  
4 compulsory license under subsection (a) during  
5 the period specified in subparagraph (E), such  
6 other period as may be determined pursuant to  
7 subparagraphs (D) and (E), or such other pe-  
8 riod as the parties may agree. The Copyright  
9 Royalty Judges shall establish rates and terms  
10 that most clearly represent the rates and terms  
11 that would have been negotiated in the market-  
12 place between a willing buyer and a willing sell-  
13 er. In determining such rates and terms for dig-  
14 ital phonorecord deliveries, the Copyright Roy-  
15 alty Judges shall base their decision on eco-  
16 nomic, competitive, and programming informa-  
17 tion presented by the parties, including—

18 “(i) whether use of the compulsory li-  
19 censee’s service may substitute for or may  
20 promote the sales of phonorecords or oth-  
21 erwise may interfere with or may enhance  
22 the musical work copyright owner’s other  
23 streams of revenue from its musical works;  
24 and

1           “(ii) the relative roles of the copyright  
2           owner and the compulsory licensee in the  
3           copyrighted work and the service made  
4           available to the public with respect to the  
5           relative creative contribution, technological  
6           contribution, capital investment, cost, and  
7           risk.

8           “(2) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

9           “(A) VOLUNTARY LICENSES AND CON-  
10          TRACTUAL ROYALTY RATES.—

11           “(i) License agreements voluntarily  
12           negotiated at any time between one or  
13           more copyright owners of nondramatic mu-  
14           sical works and one or more persons enti-  
15           tled to obtain a compulsory license under  
16           subsection (a) shall be given effect in lieu  
17           of any determination by the Copyright  
18           Royalty Judges. Subject to clause (ii), the  
19           royalty rates determined pursuant to sub-  
20           paragraphs (E) and (F) of paragraph (1)  
21           shall be given effect as to digital phono-  
22           record deliveries in lieu of any contrary  
23           royalty rates specified in a contract pursu-  
24           ant to which a recording artist who is the  
25           author of a nondramatic musical work

1 grants a license under that person's exclu-  
2 sive rights in the musical work under para-  
3 graphs (1) and (3) of section 106 or com-  
4 mits another person to grant a license in  
5 that musical work under paragraphs (1)  
6 and (3) of section 106, to a person desir-  
7 ing to fix in a tangible medium of expres-  
8 sion a sound recording embodying the mu-  
9 sical work.

10 “(ii) The second sentence of clause (i)  
11 shall not apply to—

12 “(I) a contract entered into on or  
13 before June 22, 1995, and not modi-  
14 fied thereafter for the purpose of re-  
15 ducing the royalty rates determined  
16 pursuant to subparagraphs (E) and  
17 (F) of paragraph (1) or of increasing  
18 the number of musical works within  
19 the scope of the contract covered by  
20 the reduced rates, except if a contract  
21 entered into on or before June 22,  
22 1995, is modified thereafter for the  
23 purpose of increasing the number of  
24 musical works within the scope of the  
25 contract, any contrary royalty rates

1 specified in the contract shall be given  
2 effect in lieu of royalty rates deter-  
3 mined pursuant to subparagraphs ~~(E)~~  
4 and ~~(F)~~ of paragraph ~~(1)~~ for the  
5 number of musical works within the  
6 scope of the contract as of June 22,  
7 1995; and

8 “~~(H)~~ a contract entered into  
9 after the date that the sound record-  
10 ing is fixed in a tangible medium of  
11 expression substantially in a form in-  
12 tended for commercial release; if at  
13 the time the contract is entered into,  
14 the recording artist retains the right  
15 to grant licenses as to the musical  
16 work under paragraphs ~~(1)~~ and ~~(2)~~ of  
17 section 106.

18 “~~(B)~~ SOUND RECORDING INFORMATION.—

19 Except as provided in section 1002(e) of this  
20 title, a digital phonorecord delivery licensed  
21 under this paragraph shall be accompanied by  
22 the information encoded in the sound recording,  
23 if any, by or under the authority of the copy-  
24 right owner of that sound recording; that iden-  
25 tifies the title of the sound recording; the fea-



1 tured recording artist who performs on the  
2 sound recording, and related information, in-  
3 cluding information concerning the underlying  
4 musical work and its writer.

5 “(C) INFRINGEMENT REMEDIES.—

6 “(i) A digital phonorecord delivery of  
7 a sound recording is actionable as an act  
8 of infringement under section 501, and is  
9 fully subject to the remedies provided by  
10 sections 502 through 506, unless—

11 “(I) the digital phonorecord de-  
12 livery has been authorized by the  
13 sound recording copyright owner; and

14 “(II) the entity making the dig-  
15 ital phonorecord delivery has obtained  
16 a compulsory license under subsection  
17 (a) or has otherwise been authorized  
18 by the musical work copyright owner,  
19 or by a record company pursuant to  
20 an individual download license, to  
21 make and distribute phonorecords of  
22 each musical work embodied in the  
23 sound recording by means of digital  
24 phonorecord delivery.

1           “(ii) Any cause of action under this  
2           subparagraph shall be in addition to those  
3           available to the owner of the copyright in  
4           the nondramatic musical work under sub-  
5           paragraph (J) and section 106(4) and the  
6           owner of the copyright in the sound record-  
7           ing under section 106(6).

8           “(D) LIABILITY OF SOUND RECORDING  
9           OWNERS.—The liability of the copyright owner  
10          of a sound recording for infringement of the  
11          copyright in a nondramatic musical work em-  
12          bodied in the sound recording shall be deter-  
13          mined in accordance with applicable law, except  
14          that the owner of a copyright in a sound re-  
15          cording shall not be liable for a digital phono-  
16          record delivery by a third party if the owner of  
17          the copyright in the sound recording does not  
18          license the distribution of a phonorecord of the  
19          nondramatic musical work.

20          “(E) RECORDING DEVICES AND MEDIA.—  
21          Nothing in section 1008 shall be construed to  
22          prevent the exercise of the rights and remedies  
23          allowed by this paragraph, subparagraph (J),  
24          and chapter 5 in the event of a digital phono-  
25          record delivery, except that no action alleging

1 infringement of copyright may be brought  
2 under this title against a manufacturer, im-  
3 porter or distributor of a digital audio recording  
4 device, a digital audio recording medium, an  
5 analog recording device, or an analog recording  
6 medium, or against a consumer, based on the  
7 actions described in such section.

8 “(F) PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS.—Noth-  
9 ing in this section annuls or limits (i) the exclu-  
10 sive right to publicly perform a sound recording  
11 or the musical work embodied therein, including  
12 by means of a digital transmission, under sec-  
13 tions 106(4) and 106(6), (ii) except for compul-  
14 sory licensing under the conditions specified by  
15 this section, the exclusive rights to reproduce  
16 and distribute the sound recording and the mu-  
17 sical work embodied therein under sections  
18 106(1) and 106(3), including by means of a  
19 digital phonorecord delivery, or (iii) any other  
20 rights under any other provision of section 106,  
21 or remedies available under this title, as such  
22 rights or remedies exist either before or after  
23 the date of enactment of the Digital Perform-  
24 ance Right in Sound Recordings Act of 1995.

1           “(G) EXEMPT TRANSMISSIONS AND RE-  
2 TRANSMISSIONS.—The provisions of this section  
3 concerning digital phonorecord deliveries shall  
4 not apply to any exempt transmissions or re-  
5 transmissions under section 114(d)(1). The ex-  
6 emptions created in section 114(d)(1) do not  
7 expand or reduce the rights of copyright owners  
8 under section 106(1) through (5) with respect  
9 to such transmissions and retransmissions.

10           “(H) DISTRIBUTION BY RENTAL, LEASE,  
11 OR LENDING.—A compulsory license obtained  
12 under subsection (b)(1) to make and distribute  
13 phonorecords includes the right of the maker of  
14 such a phonorecord to distribute or authorize  
15 distribution of such phonorecord, other than by  
16 means of a digital phonorecord delivery, by  
17 rental, lease, or lending (or by acts or practices  
18 in the nature of rental, lease, or lending). With  
19 respect to each nondramatic musical work em-  
20 bodied in the phonorecord, the royalty shall be  
21 a proportion of the revenue received by the  
22 compulsory licensee from every such act of dis-  
23 tribution of the phonorecord under this clause  
24 equal to the proportion of the revenue received  
25 by the compulsory licensee from distribution of

1 the phonorecord under subsection  
2 (a)(1)(A)(ii)(II) that is payable by a compulsory  
3 licensee under that clause and under chapter 8.  
4 The Register of Copyrights shall issue regula-  
5 tions to carry out the purpose of this clause.

6 “(I) PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES AND STATE-  
7 MENTS OF ACCOUNT.—Except as provided in  
8 paragraphs (4)(A)(i) and (10)(B) of subsection  
9 (d), royalty payments shall be made on or be-  
10 fore the twentieth day of each month and shall  
11 include all royalties for the month next pre-  
12 ceeding. Each monthly payment shall be made  
13 under oath and shall comply with requirements  
14 that the Register of Copyrights shall prescribe  
15 by regulation. The Register shall also prescribe  
16 regulations under which detailed cumulative an-  
17 nual statements of account, certified by a cer-  
18 tified public accountant, shall be filed for every  
19 compulsory license under subsection (a). The  
20 regulations covering both the monthly and the  
21 annual statements of account shall prescribe  
22 the form, content, and manner of certification  
23 with respect to the number of records made and  
24 the number of records distributed.

1           “(J) NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND TERMI-  
 2           NATION OF COMPULSORY LICENSE.—In the  
 3           ease of a license obtained under subsection  
 4           (b)(1), (b)(2)(A), or (b)(3), if the copyright  
 5           owner does not receive the monthly payment  
 6           and the monthly and annual statements of ac-  
 7           count when due, the owner may give written no-  
 8           tice to the licensee that, unless the default is  
 9           remedied within 30 days from the date of the  
 10          notice, the compulsory license will be automati-  
 11          cally terminated. Such termination renders ei-  
 12          ther the making or the distribution, or both, of  
 13          all phonorecords for which the royalty has not  
 14          been paid, actionable as acts of infringement  
 15          under section 501 and fully subject to the rem-  
 16          edies provided by sections 502 through 506. In  
 17          the ease of a license obtained under subsection  
 18          (b)(2)(B), license authority under the compul-  
 19          sory license may be terminated as provided in  
 20          subsection (d)(4)(E).”;

21          (4) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-  
 22          lows:

23          “(d) BLANKET LICENSE FOR DIGITAL USES, ME-  
 24          CHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE, AND DIGITAL LI-  
 25          CENSEE COORDINATOR.—

1 “(1) BLANKET LICENSE FOR DIGITAL USES.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A digital music pro-  
3 vider that qualifies for a compulsory license  
4 under subsection (a) may, by complying with  
5 the terms and conditions of this subsection, ob-  
6 tain a blanket license from copyright owners  
7 through the mechanical licensing collective to  
8 make and distribute digital phonorecord deliv-  
9 eries of musical works through one or more cov-  
10 ered activities.

11 “(B) INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.—A blanket li-  
12 cense—

13 “(i) covers all musical works (or  
14 shares of such works) available for compul-  
15 sory licensing under this section for pur-  
16 poses of engaging in covered activities, ex-  
17 cept as provided in subparagraph (C);

18 “(ii) includes the making and dis-  
19 tribution of server, intermediate, archival,  
20 and incidental reproductions of musical  
21 works that are reasonable and necessary  
22 for the digital music provider to engage in  
23 covered activities licensed under this sub-  
24 section, solely for the purpose of engaging  
25 in such covered activities; and

1           “(iii) does not cover or include any  
2           rights or uses other than those described  
3           in clauses (i) and (ii).”

4           “(C) OTHER LICENSES.—A voluntary li-  
5           cense for covered activities entered into by or  
6           under the authority of one or more copyright  
7           owners and one or more digital music providers,  
8           or authority to make and distribute permanent  
9           downloads of a musical work obtained by a dig-  
10          ital music provider from a sound recording  
11          copyright owner pursuant to an individual  
12          download license, shall be given effect in lieu of  
13          a blanket license under this subsection with re-  
14          spect to the musical works (or shares thereof)  
15          covered by such voluntary license or individual  
16          download authority and the following conditions  
17          apply:

18               “(i) Where a voluntary license or indi-  
19               vidual download license applies, the license  
20               authority provided under the blanket li-  
21               cense shall exclude any musical works (or  
22               shares thereof) subject to the voluntary li-  
23               cense or individual download license.

24               “(ii) An entity engaged in covered ac-  
25               tivities under a voluntary license or author-



1           ity obtained pursuant to an individual  
2           download license that is a significant non-  
3           blanket licensee shall comply with para-  
4           graph (6)(A).

5           “(iii) The rates and terms of any vol-  
6           untary license shall be subject to the sec-  
7           ond sentence of clause (i) and clause (ii) of  
8           subsection (c)(2)(A) and paragraph (9)(C),  
9           as applicable.

10          “(D) PROTECTION AGAINST INFRINGE-  
11          MENT ACTIONS.—A digital music provider that  
12          obtains and complies with the terms of a valid  
13          blanket license under this subsection shall not  
14          be subject to an action for infringement of the  
15          exclusive rights provided by paragraphs (1) and  
16          (2) of section 106 under this title arising from  
17          use of a musical work (or share thereof) to en-  
18          gage in covered activities authorized by such li-  
19          cense, subject to paragraph (4)(E).

20          “(E) OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND CONDI-  
21          TIONS APPLY.—Except as expressly provided in  
22          this subsection, each requirement, limitation,  
23          condition, privilege, right, and remedy otherwise  
24          applicable to compulsory licenses under this sec-

1           tion shall apply to compulsory blanket licenses  
2           under this subsection.

3           ~~“(2) AVAILABILITY OF BLANKET LICENSE.—~~

4           ~~“(A) PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING LI-~~  
5           ~~CENSE.—~~A digital music provider may obtain a  
6           blanket license by submitting a notice of license  
7           to the mechanical licensing collective that speci-  
8           fies the particular covered activities in which  
9           the digital music provider seeks to engage, as  
10          follows:

11                   ~~“(i) The notice of license shall comply~~  
12                   ~~in form and substance with requirements~~  
13                   ~~that the Register of Copyrights shall estab-~~  
14                   ~~lish by regulation.~~

15                   ~~“(ii) Unless rejected in writing by the~~  
16                   ~~mechanical licensing collective within 30~~  
17                   ~~calendar days after receipt, the blanket li-~~  
18                   ~~cence shall be effective as of the date the~~  
19                   ~~notice of license was sent by the digital~~  
20                   ~~music provider as shown by a physical or~~  
21                   ~~electronic record.~~

22                   ~~“(iii) A notice of license may only be~~  
23                   ~~rejected by the mechanical licensing collec-~~  
24                   ~~tive if—~~

1           ~~“(I) the digital music provider or~~  
2           ~~notice of license does not meet the re-~~  
3           ~~quirements of this section or applica-~~  
4           ~~ble regulations, in which case the re-~~  
5           ~~quirements at issue shall be specified~~  
6           ~~with reasonable particularity in the~~  
7           ~~notice of rejection; or~~

8           ~~“(II) the digital music provider~~  
9           ~~has had a blanket license terminated~~  
10          ~~by the mechanical licensing collective~~  
11          ~~within the past 3 years pursuant to~~  
12          ~~paragraph (4)(E).~~

13          ~~“(iv) If a notice of license is rejected~~  
14          ~~under clause (iii)(I), the digital music pro-~~  
15          ~~vider shall have 30 calendar days after re-~~  
16          ~~ceipt of the notice of rejection to cure any~~  
17          ~~deficiency and submit an amended notice~~  
18          ~~of license to the mechanical licensing col-~~  
19          ~~lective. If the deficiency has been cured,~~  
20          ~~the mechanical licensing collective shall so~~  
21          ~~confirm in writing, and the license shall be~~  
22          ~~effective as of the date that the original~~  
23          ~~notice of license was provided by the dig-~~  
24          ~~ital music provider.~~

1           “(v) A digital music provider that be-  
 2           lieves a notice of license was improperly re-  
 3           jected by the mechanical licensing collec-  
 4           tive may seek review of such rejection in  
 5           Federal district court. The district court  
 6           shall determine the matter de novo based  
 7           on the record before the mechanical licens-  
 8           ing collective and any additional evidence  
 9           presented by the parties.

10           “(B) BLANKET LICENSE EFFECTIVE  
 11           DATE.—Blanket licenses shall be made available  
 12           by the mechanical licensing collective on and  
 13           after the license availability date. No such li-  
 14           cense shall be effective prior to the license avail-  
 15           ability date.

16           “(3) MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE.—

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The mechanical li-  
 18           censing collective shall be a single entity that—

19           “(i) is a nonprofit, not owned by any  
 20           other entity, that is created by copyright  
 21           owners to carry out responsibilities under  
 22           this subsection;

23           “(ii) is endorsed by and enjoys sub-  
 24           stantial support from musical work copy-  
 25           right owners that together represent the

1           greatest percentage of the licensor market  
 2           for uses of such works in covered activities,  
 3           as measured over the preceding 3 full cal-  
 4           endar years;

5           “(iii) is able to demonstrate to the  
 6           Register of Copyrights that it has, or will  
 7           have prior to the license availability date,  
 8           the administrative and technological capa-  
 9           bilities to perform the required functions of  
 10          the mechanical licensing collective under  
 11          this subsection; and

12          “(iv) has been designated by the Reg-  
 13          ister of Copyrights in accordance with sub-  
 14          paragraph (B).

15          “(B) DESIGNATION OF MECHANICAL LI-  
 16          CENSING COLLECTIVE.—

17          “(i) INITIAL DESIGNATION.—The  
 18          Register of Copyrights shall initially des-  
 19          ignate the mechanical licensing collective  
 20          within 9 months after the enactment date  
 21          as follows:

22                  “(I) Within 90 calendar days  
 23                  after the enactment date, the Register  
 24                  shall publish notice in the Federal  
 25                  Register soliciting information to as-

1           sist in identifying the appropriate en-  
2           tity to serve as the mechanical licens-  
3           ing collective, including the name and  
4           affiliation of each member of the  
5           board of directors described under  
6           subparagraph (D)(i) and each com-  
7           mittee established pursuant to clauses  
8           (iii), (iv), and (v) of subparagraph  
9           (D).

10           “(H) After reviewing the infor-  
11           mation requested under subclause (I)  
12           and making a designation, the Reg-  
13           ister shall publish notice in the Fed-  
14           eral Register setting forth the identity  
15           of and contact information for the me-  
16           chanical licensing collective.

17           “(ii) PERIODIC REVIEW OF DESIGNA-  
18           TION.—Following the initial designation of  
19           the mechanical licensing collective, the  
20           Register shall, every 5 years, beginning  
21           with the fifth full calendar year to com-  
22           mence after the initial designation, publish  
23           notice in the Federal Register in the  
24           month of January soliciting information  
25           concerning whether the existing designa-

1           tion should be continued, or a different en-  
2           tity meeting the criteria described in  
3           clauses (i) through (iii) of subparagraph  
4           (A) shall be designated. Following publica-  
5           tion of such notice:

6                   “(I) The Register shall, after re-  
7                   viewing the information submitted and  
8                   conducting additional proceedings as  
9                   appropriate, publish notice in the Fed-  
10                  eral Register of a continuing designa-  
11                  tion or new designation of the me-  
12                  chanical licensing collective, as the  
13                  case may be, with any new designa-  
14                  tion to be effective as of the first day  
15                  of a month that is no less than 6  
16                  months and no longer than 9 months  
17                  after the date of publication of such  
18                  notice, as specified by the Register.

19                  “(II) If a new entity is des-  
20                  ignated as a mechanical licensing col-  
21                  lective, the Register shall adopt regu-  
22                  lations to govern the transfer of li-  
23                  censes, funds, records, data, and ad-  
24                  ministrative responsibilities from the

1 existing mechanical licensing collective  
2 to the new entity.

3 “(iii) CLOSEST ALTERNATIVE DES-  
4 IGNATION.—If the Register is unable to  
5 identify an entity that fulfills each of the  
6 qualifications set forth in clauses (i)  
7 through (iii) of subparagraph (A), the Reg-  
8 ister shall designate the entity that most  
9 nearly fulfills such qualifications for pur-  
10 poses of carrying out the responsibilities of  
11 the mechanical licensing collective.

12 “(C) AUTHORITIES AND FUNCTIONS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The mechanical li-  
14 censing collective is authorized to perform  
15 the following functions, subject to more  
16 particular requirements as described in  
17 this subsection:

18 “(I) Offer and administer blanket  
19 licenses, including receipt of notices of  
20 license and reports of usage from dig-  
21 ital music providers.

22 “(II) Collect and distribute royalti-  
23 ties from digital music providers for  
24 covered activities.



1           “(III) Engage in efforts to iden-  
2           tify musical works (and shares of such  
3           works) embodied in particular sound  
4           recordings, and to identify and locate  
5           the copyright owners of such musical  
6           works (and shares of such works).

7           “(IV) Maintain the musical  
8           works database and other information  
9           relevant to the administration of li-  
10          censing activities under this section.

11          “(V) Administer a process by  
12          which copyright owners can claim  
13          ownership of musical works (and  
14          shares of such works), and a process  
15          by which royalties for works for which  
16          the owner is not identified or located  
17          are equitably distributed to known  
18          copyright owners.

19          “(VI) Administer collections of  
20          the administrative assessment from  
21          digital music providers and significant  
22          nonblanket licensees, including receipt  
23          of notices of nonblanket activity.

24          “(VII) Invest in relevant re-  
25          sources, and arrange for services of

1 outside vendors and others, to support  
2 its activities.

3 “(VIII) Engage in legal and  
4 other efforts to enforce rights and ob-  
5 ligations under this subsection, includ-  
6 ing by filing bankruptcy proofs of  
7 claims for amounts owed under li-  
8 censes, and acting in coordination  
9 with the digital licensee coordinator.

10 “(IX) Initiate and participate in  
11 proceedings before the Copyright Roy-  
12 alty Judges to establish the adminis-  
13 trative assessment under this sub-  
14 section.

15 “(X) Initiate and participate in  
16 proceedings before the Copyright Of-  
17 fice with respect to activities under  
18 this subsection.

19 “(XI) Gather and provide docu-  
20 mentation for use in proceedings be-  
21 fore the Copyright Royalty Judges to  
22 set rates and terms under this section.

23 “(XII) Maintain records of its  
24 activities and engage in and respond

1 to audits described under this sub-  
2 section.

3 “(XIII) Engage in such other ac-  
4 tivities as may be necessary or appro-  
5 priate to fulfill its responsibilities  
6 under this subsection.

7 “(ii) ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
8 ACTIVITIES.—Subject to paragraph  
9 (11)(C) and clause (iii), the mechanical li-  
10 censing collective may also administer, or  
11 assist in administering, voluntary licenses  
12 issued by or individual download licenses  
13 obtained from copyright owners for uses of  
14 musical works, for which the mechanical li-  
15 censing collective shall charge reasonable  
16 fees for such services.

17 “(iii) RESTRICTION CONCERNING PUB-  
18 LIC PERFORMANCE RIGHTS.—The mechan-  
19 ical licensing collective may, pursuant to  
20 clause (ii), provide administration services  
21 with respect to voluntary licenses that in-  
22 clude the right of public performance in  
23 musical works, but may not itself negotiate  
24 or grant licenses for the right of public  
25 performance in musical works, and may

1 not be the exclusive or nonexclusive as-  
2 signee or grantee of the right of public per-  
3 formance in musical works.

4 “(iv) RESTRICTION ON LOBBYING.—

5 The mechanical licensing collective may  
6 not engage in government lobbying activi-  
7 ties, but may engage in the activities de-  
8 scribed in subclauses (IX), (X), and (XI)  
9 of clause (i).

10 “(D) GOVERNANCE.—

11 “(i) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The me-  
12 chanical licensing collective shall have a  
13 board of directors consisting of 14 voting  
14 members and 3 nonvoting members, as fol-  
15 lows:

16 “(I) Ten voting members shall be  
17 representatives of music publishers to  
18 which songwriters have assigned ex-  
19 clusive rights of reproduction and dis-  
20 tribution of musical works with re-  
21 spect to covered activities and no such  
22 music publisher member may be  
23 owned by, or under common control  
24 with, any other board member.

1           “(II) Four voting members shall  
2           be professional songwriters who have  
3           retained and exercise exclusive rights  
4           of reproduction and distribution with  
5           respect to covered activities with re-  
6           spect to musical works they have au-  
7           thored.

8           “(III) One nonvoting member  
9           shall be a representative of the non-  
10          profit trade association of music pub-  
11          lishers that represents the greatest  
12          percentage of the licensor market for  
13          uses of musical works in covered ac-  
14          tivities, as measured over the pre-  
15          ceding 3 full calendar years.

16          “(IV) One nonvoting member  
17          shall be a representative of the digital  
18          licensee coordinator, provided that a  
19          digital licensee coordinator has been  
20          designated pursuant to paragraph  
21          (5)(B). Otherwise, the nonvoting  
22          member shall be the nonprofit trade  
23          association of digital licensees that  
24          represents the greatest percentage of  
25          the licensee market for uses of musi-

1           eal works in covered activities, as  
2           measured over the preceding 3 full  
3           calendar years.

4           “(V) One nonvoting member  
5           shall be a representative of a nation-  
6           ally recognized nonprofit trade asso-  
7           ciation whose primary mission is advo-  
8           cacy on behalf of songwriters in the  
9           United States.

10          “(ii) BOARD MEETINGS.—The board  
11          of directors shall meet no less than two  
12          times per year and discuss matters perti-  
13          nent to the operations, including the me-  
14          chanical licensing collective budget.

15          “(iii) OPERATIONS ADVISORY COM-  
16          MITTEE.—The board of directors of the  
17          mechanical licensing collective shall estab-  
18          lish an operations advisory committee con-  
19          sisting of no fewer than six members to  
20          make recommendations to the board of di-  
21          rectors concerning the operations of the  
22          mechanical licensing collective, including  
23          the efficient investment in and deployment  
24          of information technology and data re-  
25          sources. Such committee shall have an

1 equal number of members of the committee  
2 who are—

3 “(I) musical work copyright own-  
4 ers who are appointed by the board of  
5 directors of the mechanical licensing  
6 collective; and

7 “(II) representatives of digital  
8 music providers who are appointed by  
9 the digital licensee coordinator.

10 “(iv) UNCLAIMED ROYALTIES OVER-  
11 SIGHT COMMITTEE.—The board of direc-  
12 tors of the mechanical licensing collective  
13 shall establish and appoint an unclaimed  
14 royalties oversight committee consisting of  
15 10 members, 5 of which shall be musical  
16 work copyright owners and 5 of which  
17 shall be professional songwriters whose  
18 works are used in covered activities.

19 “(v) DISPUTE RESOLUTION COM-  
20 MITTEE.—The board of directors of the  
21 mechanical licensing collective shall estab-  
22 lish and appoint a dispute resolution com-  
23 mittee consisting of no fewer than six  
24 members, which committee shall include an  
25 equal number of representatives of musical

1 work copyright owners and professional  
2 songwriters.

3 “(vi) MECHANICAL LICENSING COL-  
4 LLECTIVE ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later  
5 than June 30 of each year commencing  
6 after the license availability date, the me-  
7 chanical licensing collective shall post, and  
8 make available online for a period of at  
9 least 3 years, an annual report that sets  
10 forth how the collective operates, how roy-  
11 alties are collected and distributed, and the  
12 collective total costs for the preceding cal-  
13 endar year. At the time of posting, a copy  
14 of the report shall be provided to the Reg-  
15 ister of Copyrights.

16 “(E) MUSICAL WORKS DATABASE.—

17 “(i) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTEN-  
18 NANCE OF DATABASE.—The mechanical li-  
19 censing collective shall establish and main-  
20 tain a database containing information re-  
21 lating to musical works (and shares of  
22 such works) and, to the extent known, the  
23 identity and location of the copyright own-  
24 ers of such works (and shares thereof) and  
25 the sound recordings in which the musical



1 works are embodied. In furtherance of  
2 maintaining such database, the mechanical  
3 licensing collective shall engage in efforts  
4 to identify the musical works embodied in  
5 particular sound recordings, as well as to  
6 identify and locate the copyright owners of  
7 such works (and shares thereof), and up-  
8 date such data as appropriate.

9 “(ii) **MATCHED WORKS.**—With respect  
10 to musical works (and shares thereof) that  
11 have been matched to copyright owners,  
12 the musical works database shall include—

13 “(I) the title of the musical work;

14 “(II) the copyright owner of the  
15 work (or share thereof), and such  
16 owner’s ownership percentage;

17 “(III) contact information for  
18 such copyright owner;

19 “(IV) to the extent reasonably  
20 available to the mechanical licensing  
21 collective—

22 “(aa) the international  
23 standard musical work code for  
24 the work; and

1                   “(bb) identifying informa-  
2                   tion for sound recordings in  
3                   which the musical work is em-  
4                   bodied, including the name of the  
5                   sound recording, featured artist,  
6                   sound recording copyright owner,  
7                   producer, international standard  
8                   recording code, and other infor-  
9                   mation commonly used to assist  
10                  in associating sound recordings  
11                  with musical works; and

12                  “(V) such other information as  
13                  the Register of Copyrights may pre-  
14                  scribe by regulation.

15                  “(iii) UNMATCHED WORKS.—With re-  
16                  spect to unmatched musical works (and  
17                  shares of works) in the database, the musi-  
18                  cal works database shall include—

19                         “(I) to the extent reasonably  
20                         available to the mechanical licensing  
21                         collective—

22                                 “(aa) the title of the musical  
23                                 work;

1           “(bb) the ownership percent-  
2 age for which an owner has not  
3 been identified;

4           “(cc) if a copyright owner  
5 has been identified but not lo-  
6 cated, the identity of such owner  
7 and such owner’s ownership per-  
8 centage;

9           “(dd) identifying informa-  
10 tion for sound recordings in  
11 which the work is embodied, in-  
12 cluding sound recording name,  
13 featured artist, sound recording  
14 copyright owner, producer, inter-  
15 national standard recording code,  
16 and other information commonly  
17 used to assist in associating  
18 sound recordings with musical  
19 works; and

20           “(ee) any additional infor-  
21 mation reported to the mechan-  
22 ical licensing collective that may  
23 assist in identifying the work;  
24 and

1                   “(H) such other information re-  
2 relating to the identity and ownership of  
3 musical works (and shares of such  
4 works) as the Register of Copyrights  
5 may prescribe by regulation.

6                   “(iv) SOUND RECORDING INFORMA-  
7 TION.—Each musical work copyright  
8 owner with any musical work listed in the  
9 musical works database shall engage in  
10 commercially reasonable efforts to deliver  
11 to the mechanical licensing collective, in-  
12 cluding for use in the musical works data-  
13 base, to the extent such information is not  
14 then available in the database, information  
15 regarding the names of the sound record-  
16 ings in which that copyright owner’s musi-  
17 cal works (or shares thereof) are embodied,  
18 to the extent practicable.

19                   “(v) ACCESSIBILITY OF DATABASE.—  
20 The musical works database shall be made  
21 available to members of the public in a  
22 searchable, online format, free of charge.  
23 The mechanical licensing collective shall  
24 make such database available in a bulk,  
25 machine-readable format, through a widely

1 available software application, to the fol-  
2 lowing entities:

3 “(I) Digital music providers oper-  
4 ating under the authority of valid no-  
5 tices of license, free of charge.

6 “(II) Significant nonblanket li-  
7 censees in compliance with their obli-  
8 gations under paragraph (6), free of  
9 charge.

10 “(III) Authorized vendors of the  
11 entities described in subclauses (I)  
12 and (II), free of charge.

13 “(IV) The Register of Copy-  
14 rights, free of charge (but the Reg-  
15 ister shall not treat such database or  
16 any information therein as a Govern-  
17 ment record).

18 “(V) Any member of the public,  
19 for a fee not to exceed the marginal  
20 cost to the mechanical licensing collec-  
21 tive of providing the database to such  
22 person.

23 “(vi) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—  
24 The Register of Copyrights shall establish  
25 requirements by regulations to ensure the

1 usability, interoperability, and usage re-  
 2 strictions of the musical works database.

3 “(F) NOTICES OF LICENSE AND NON-  
 4 BLANKET ACTIVITY.—

5 “(i) NOTICES OF LICENSES.—The me-  
 6 chanical licensing collective shall receive,  
 7 review, and confirm or reject notices of li-  
 8 cense from digital music providers, as pro-  
 9 vided in paragraph (2)(A). The collective  
 10 shall maintain a current, publicly acces-  
 11 sible list of blanket licenses that includes  
 12 contact information for the licensees and  
 13 the effective dates of such licenses.

14 “(ii) NOTICES OF NONBLANKET AC-  
 15 TIVITY.—The mechanical licensing collec-  
 16 tive shall receive notices of nonblanket ac-  
 17 tivity from significant nonblanket licensees,  
 18 as provided in paragraph (6)(A). The col-  
 19 lective shall maintain a current, publicly  
 20 accessible list of notices of nonblanket ac-  
 21 tivity that includes contact information for  
 22 significant nonblanket licensees and the  
 23 dates of receipt of such notices.

24 “(G) COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
 25 ROYALTIES.—

1           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Upon receiving re-  
2           ports of usage and payments of royalties  
3           from digital music providers for covered  
4           activities, the mechanical licensing collec-  
5           tive shall—

6                   “(I) engage in efforts to—

7                           “(aa) identify the musical  
8                           works embodied in sound record-  
9                           ings reflected in such reports,  
10                          and the copyright owners of such  
11                          musical works (and shares there-  
12                          of);

13                          “(bb) confirm uses of musi-  
14                          cal works subject to voluntary li-  
15                          censes and individual download  
16                          licenses, and the corresponding  
17                          pro rata amounts to be deducted  
18                          from royalties that would other-  
19                          wise be due under the blanket li-  
20                          cense; and

21                          “(cc) confirm proper pay-  
22                          ment of royalties due;

23                          “(II) distribute royalties to copy-  
24                          right owners in accordance with the  
25                          usage and other information contained

1 in such reports, as well as the owner-  
2 ship and other information contained  
3 in the records of the collective; and

4 “(III) deposit into an interest-  
5 bearing account, as provided in sub-  
6 paragraph (H)(ii); royalties that can-  
7 not be distributed due to—

8 “(aa) an inability to identify  
9 or locate a copyright owner of a  
10 musical work (or share thereof);  
11 or

12 “(bb) a pending dispute be-  
13 fore the dispute resolution com-  
14 mittee of the mechanical licens-  
15 ing collective.

16 “(ii) OTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS.—

17 Any royalties recovered by the mechanical  
18 licensing collective as a result of efforts to  
19 enforce rights or obligations under a blan-  
20 ket license, including through a bankruptcy  
21 proceeding or other legal action, shall be  
22 distributed to copyright owners based on  
23 available usage information and in accord-  
24 ance with the procedures described in sub-  
25 clauses (I) and (II) of clause (i), on a pro



1           rata basis in proportion to the overall per-  
 2           centage recovery of the total royalties  
 3           owed, with any pro rata share of royalties  
 4           that cannot be distributed deposited in an  
 5           interest-bearing account as provided in  
 6           subparagraph (H)(ii).

7           “(H) HOLDING OF ACCRUED ROYAL-  
 8           TIES.—

9                   “(i) HOLDING PERIOD.—The mechan-  
 10           ical licensing collective shall hold accrued  
 11           royalties associated with particular musical  
 12           works (and shares of works) that remain  
 13           unmatched for a period of at least 3 years  
 14           after the date on which the funds were re-  
 15           ceived by the mechanical licensing collec-  
 16           tive, or at least 3 years after the date on  
 17           which they were accrued by a digital music  
 18           provider that subsequently transferred  
 19           such funds to the mechanical licensing col-  
 20           lective pursuant to paragraph (10)(B),  
 21           whichever period expires sooner.

22                   “(ii) INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT.—  
 23           Accrued royalties for unmatched works  
 24           (and shares thereof) shall be maintained  
 25           by the mechanical licensing collective in an

1 interest-bearing account that earns month-  
2 ly interest at the Federal, short-term rate,  
3 such interest to accrue for the benefit of  
4 copyright owners entitled to payment of  
5 such accrued royalties.

6 “(I) MUSICAL WORKS CLAIMING PROC-  
7 ESS.—The mechanical licensing collective shall  
8 publicize the existence of accrued royalties for  
9 unmatched musical works (and shares of such  
10 works) within 6 months of receiving a transfer  
11 of accrued royalties for such works by publicly  
12 listing the works and the procedures by which  
13 copyright owners may identify themselves and  
14 provide ownership, contact, and other relevant  
15 information to the mechanical licensing collec-  
16 tive in order to receive payment of accrued roy-  
17 alties. When a copyright owner of an un-  
18 matched work (or share of a work) has been  
19 identified and located in accordance with the  
20 procedures of the mechanical licensing collec-  
21 tive, the collective shall—

22 “(i) update the musical works data-  
23 base and its other records accordingly; and

24 “(ii) provided that accrued royalties  
25 for the musical work (or share thereof)

1 have not yet been included in a distribution  
2 pursuant to subparagraph (J)(i), pay such  
3 accrued royalties and a proportionate  
4 amount of accrued interest associated with  
5 that work (or share thereof) to the copy-  
6 right owner, accompanied by a cumulative  
7 statement of account reflecting usage of  
8 such work and accrued royalties based on  
9 information provided by digital music pro-  
10 viders to the mechanical licensing collec-  
11 tive.

12 “(J) DISTRIBUTION OF UNCLAIMED AC-  
13 CRUED ROYALTIES.—

14 “(i) DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES.—  
15 After the expiration of the prescribed hold-  
16 ing period for accrued royalties provided in  
17 paragraph (H)(i), the mechanical licensing  
18 collective shall distribute such accrued roy-  
19 alties, along with a proportionate share of  
20 accrued interest, to copyright owners iden-  
21 tified in the records of the collective, sub-  
22 ject to the following requirements, and in  
23 accordance with the policies and proce-  
24 dures established under clause (ii):

1           “(I) The first such distribution  
2 shall occur on or after July 1 of the  
3 first full calendar year to commence  
4 after the license availability date, with  
5 at least one such distribution to take  
6 place during each calendar year there-  
7 after.

8           “(II) Copyright owners’ payment  
9 shares for unclaimed accrued royalties  
10 for particular reporting periods shall  
11 be determined in a transparent and  
12 equitable manner based on data indi-  
13 cating the relative market shares of  
14 such copyright owners as reflected by  
15 royalty payments made by digital  
16 music providers for covered activities  
17 for the periods in question, including,  
18 in addition to royalty payments made  
19 to the mechanical licensing collective,  
20 royalty payments made to copyright  
21 owners under voluntary licenses and  
22 individual download licenses for cov-  
23 ered activities, to the extent such in-  
24 formation is available to the mechan-  
25 ical licensing collective. In furtherance

1 of the determination of equitable mar-  
2 ket shares under this subparagraph—

3 “(aa) the mechanical licens-  
4 ing collective may require copy-  
5 right owners seeking distribu-  
6 tions of unclaimed accrued royalti-  
7 ties to provide, or direct the pro-  
8 vision of, information concerning  
9 royalties received under voluntary  
10 licenses and individual download  
11 licenses for covered activities; and

12 “(bb) the mechanical licens-  
13 ing collective shall take appro-  
14 priate steps to safeguard the con-  
15 fidentiality and security of finan-  
16 cial and other sensitive data used  
17 to compute market shares in ac-  
18 cordance with the confidentiality  
19 provisions prescribed by the Reg-  
20 ister of Copyrights under para-  
21 graph (12)(C).

22 “(ii) ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRIBUTION POLICIES.—The unclaimed royalties  
23 oversight committee established under  
24 paragraph (3)(D)(iv) shall establish poli-  
25

1           cies and procedures for the distribution of  
2           unclaimed accrued royalties and accrued  
3           interest in accordance with this subpara-  
4           graph, including the provision of usage  
5           data to copyright owners to allocate pay-  
6           ments and credits to songwriters pursuant  
7           to clause (iv), subject to the approval of  
8           the board of directors of the mechanical li-  
9           censing collective.

10           “(iii) **ADVANCE NOTICE OF DISTRIBUTIONS.**—The mechanical licensing collec-  
11           tive shall publicize a pending distribution  
12           of unclaimed accrued royalties and accrued  
13           interest at least 90 calendar days in ad-  
14           vance of such distribution.

15           “(iv) **SONGWRITER PAYMENTS.**—  
16           Copyright owners that receive a distribu-  
17           tion of unclaimed accrued royalties and ac-  
18           crued interest shall pay or credit a portion  
19           to songwriters (or the authorized agents of  
20           songwriters) on whose behalf the copyright  
21           owners license or administer musical works  
22           for covered activities, in accordance with  
23           applicable contractual terms, but notwith-  
24           standing any agreement to the contrary—  
25

1           “(I) such payments and credits  
2           to songwriters shall be allocated in  
3           proportion to reported usage of indi-  
4           vidual musical works by digital music  
5           providers during the reporting periods  
6           covered by the distribution from the  
7           mechanical licensing collective; and

8           “(II) in no case shall the pay-  
9           ment or credit to an individual song-  
10          writer be less than 50 percent of the  
11          payment received by the copyright  
12          owner attributable to usage of musical  
13          works (or shares of works) of that  
14          songwriter.

15          “(K) DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—The dispute  
16          resolution committee established under para-  
17          graph (3)(D)(v) shall address and resolve in a  
18          timely and equitable manner disputes among  
19          copyright owners relating to ownership interests  
20          in musical works licensed under this section and  
21          allocation and distribution of royalties by the  
22          mechanical licensing collective, according to a  
23          process approved by the board of directors of  
24          the mechanical licensing collective. Such pro-  
25          cess—

1           “(i) shall include a mechanism to hold  
 2           disputed funds in accordance with the re-  
 3           quirements described in subparagraph  
 4           (H)(ii) pending resolution of the dispute;  
 5           and

6           “(ii) except as provided in paragraph  
 7           (11)(D), shall not affect any legal or equi-  
 8           table rights or remedies available to any  
 9           copyright owner or songwriter concerning  
 10          ownership of, and entitlement to royalties  
 11          for, a musical work.

12           ~~“(L) VERIFICATION OF PAYMENTS BY ME-~~  
 13          ~~CHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE.—~~

14           ~~“(i) VERIFICATION PROCESS.—A~~  
 15          ~~copyright owner entitled to receive pay-~~  
 16          ~~ments of royalties for covered activities~~  
 17          ~~from the mechanical licensing collective~~  
 18          ~~may, individually or with other copyright~~  
 19          ~~owners, conduct an audit of the mechanical~~  
 20          ~~licensing collective to verify the accuracy of~~  
 21          ~~royalty payments by the mechanical licens-~~  
 22          ~~ing collective to such copyright owner, as~~  
 23          ~~follows:~~

24           ~~“(I) A copyright owner may~~  
 25          ~~audit the mechanical licensing collec-~~



1           tive only once in a year for any or all  
2           of the prior 3 calendar years, and may  
3           not audit records for any calendar  
4           year more than once.

5           “(II) The audit shall be con-  
6           ducted by a qualified auditor, who  
7           shall perform the audit during the or-  
8           dinary course of business by exam-  
9           ining the books, records, and data of  
10          the mechanical licensing collective, ac-  
11          cording to generally accepted auditing  
12          standards and subject to applicable  
13          confidentiality requirements pre-  
14          scribed by the Register of Copyrights  
15          under paragraph (12)(C).

16          “(III) The mechanical licensing  
17          collective shall make such books,  
18          records, and data available to the  
19          qualified auditor and respond to rea-  
20          sonable requests for relevant informa-  
21          tion, and shall use commercially rea-  
22          sonable efforts to facilitate access to  
23          relevant information maintained by  
24          third parties.

1           “(IV) To commence the audit,  
2           any copyright owner shall file with the  
3           Copyright Office a notice of intent to  
4           conduct an audit of the mechanical li-  
5           censing collective, identifying the pe-  
6           riod of time to be audited, and shall  
7           simultaneously deliver a copy of such  
8           notice to the mechanical licensing col-  
9           lective. The Register of Copyrights  
10          shall cause the notice of audit to be  
11          published in the Federal Register  
12          within 45 calendar days after receipt.

13          “(V) The qualified auditor shall  
14          determine the accuracy of royalty pay-  
15          ments, including whether an under-  
16          payment or overpayment of royalties  
17          was made by the mechanical licensing  
18          collective to each auditing copyright  
19          owner, but before providing a final  
20          audit report to any such copyright  
21          owner, the qualified auditor shall pro-  
22          vide a tentative draft of the report to  
23          the mechanical licensing collective and  
24          allow the mechanical licensing collec-  
25          tive a reasonable opportunity to re-

1           spond to the findings, including by  
2           clarifying issues and correcting factual  
3           errors.

4           “(VI) The auditing copyright  
5           owner or owners shall bear the cost of  
6           the audit. In case of an underpayment  
7           to any copyright owner, the mechan-  
8           ical licensing collective shall pay the  
9           amounts of any such underpayment to  
10          such auditing copyright owner, as ap-  
11          propriate. In case of an overpayment  
12          by the mechanical licensing collective,  
13          the mechanical licensing collective  
14          may debit the account of the auditing  
15          copyright owner or owners for such  
16          overpaid amounts, or such owner(s)  
17          shall refund overpaid amounts to the  
18          mechanical licensing collective, as ap-  
19          propriate.

20          “(ii) ALTERNATIVE VERIFICATION  
21          PROCEDURES.—Nothing in this subpara-  
22          graph shall preclude a copyright owner and  
23          the mechanical licensing collective from  
24          agreeing to audit procedures different from  
25          those described herein, but a notice of the

1           audit shall be provided to and published by  
2           the Copyright Office as described in clause  
3           (i)(IV).

4           “(M) RECORDS OF MECHANICAL LICENS-  
5           ING COLLECTIVE.—

6           “(i) RECORDS MAINTENANCE.—The  
7           mechanical licensing collective shall ensure  
8           that all material records of its operations,  
9           including those relating to notices of li-  
10          cense, the administration of its claims  
11          process, reports of usage, royalty pay-  
12          ments, receipt and maintenance of accrued  
13          royalties, royalty distribution processes,  
14          and legal matters, are preserved and main-  
15          tained in a secure and reliable manner,  
16          with appropriate commercially reasonable  
17          safeguards against unauthorized access,  
18          copying, and disclosure, and subject to the  
19          confidentiality requirements prescribed by  
20          the Register of Copyrights under para-  
21          graph (12)(C) for a period of no less than  
22          7 years after the date of creation or re-  
23          ceipt, whichever occurs later.

24          “(ii) RECORDS ACCESS.—The mechan-  
25          ical licensing collective shall provide

1 prompt access to electronic and other  
2 records pertaining to the administration of  
3 a copyright owner's musical works upon  
4 reasonable written request of such owner  
5 or the owner's authorized representative.

6 ~~“(4) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BLANKET LI-~~  
7 ~~CENSE.—A blanket license is subject to, and condi-~~  
8 ~~tioned upon, the following requirements:~~

9 ~~“(A) ROYALTY REPORTING AND PAY-~~  
10 ~~MENTS.—~~

11 ~~“(i) MONTHLY REPORTS AND PAY-~~  
12 ~~MENT.—A digital music provider shall re-~~  
13 ~~port and pay royalties to the mechanical li-~~  
14 ~~ensing collective under the blanket license~~  
15 ~~on a monthly basis in accordance with~~  
16 ~~clause (ii) and subsection (c)(2)(I), but the~~  
17 ~~monthly reporting shall be due 45 calendar~~  
18 ~~days, rather than 20 calendar days, after~~  
19 ~~the end of the monthly reporting period.~~

20 ~~“(ii) DATA TO BE REPORTED.—In re-~~  
21 ~~porting usage of musical works to the me-~~  
22 ~~chanical licensing collective, a digital music~~  
23 ~~provider shall provide usage data for musi-~~  
24 ~~cal works used under the blanket license~~  
25 ~~and usage data for musical works used in~~

1 covered activities under voluntary licenses  
2 and individual download licenses. In the re-  
3 port of usage, the digital music provider  
4 shall—

5 “(I) with respect to each sound  
6 recording embodying a musical  
7 work—

8 “(aa) provide identifying in-  
9 formation for the sound record-  
10 ing, including sound recording  
11 name, featured artist and, to the  
12 extent acquired by the digital  
13 music provider in connection with  
14 its use of sound recordings of  
15 musical works to engage in cov-  
16 ered activities, including pursu-  
17 ant to subparagraph (B), pro-  
18 ducer, international standard re-  
19 cording code, and other informa-  
20 tion commonly used in the indus-  
21 try to identify sound recordings  
22 and match them to the musical  
23 works the sound recordings em-  
24 body;

1           “(bb) to the extent acquired  
2           by the digital music provider in  
3           the metadata in connection with  
4           its use of sound recordings of  
5           musical works to engage in cov-  
6           ered activities, including pursu-  
7           ant to subparagraph (B), provide  
8           information concerning author-  
9           ship and ownership of the appli-  
10          cable rights in the musical work  
11          embodied in the sound recording  
12          (including each songwriter, pub-  
13          lisher name, and respective own-  
14          ership share) and the inter-  
15          national standard musical work  
16          code; and

17           “(cc) provide the number of  
18          digital phonorecord deliveries of  
19          the sound recording, including  
20          limited downloads and interactive  
21          streams;

22           “(H) identify and provide contact  
23          information for all musical work copy-  
24          right owners for works embodied in  
25          sound recordings as to which a vol-

1           untary license, rather than the blan-  
2           ket license, is in effect with respect to  
3           the uses being reported; and

4                   “(III) provide such other infor-  
5                   mation as the Register of Copyrights  
6                   shall require by regulation.

7                   “~~(iii)~~ ~~FORMAT AND MAINTENANCE OF~~  
8                   ~~REPORTS.~~—Reports of usage provided by  
9                   digital music providers to the mechanical  
10                  licensing collective shall be in a machine-  
11                  readable format that is compatible with the  
12                  information technology systems of the me-  
13                  chanical licensing collective and meets the  
14                  requirements of regulations adopted by the  
15                  Register of Copyrights. The Register shall  
16                  also adopt regulations setting forth re-  
17                  quirements under which records of use  
18                  shall be maintained and made available to  
19                  the mechanical licensing collective by dig-  
20                  ital music providers engaged in covered ac-  
21                  tivities under a blanket license.

22                   “~~(iv)~~ ~~ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.~~—  
23                  The Register shall adopt regulations—

24                           “(I) setting forth requirements  
25                           under which records of use shall be



1 maintained and made available to the  
2 mechanical licensing collective by dig-  
3 ital music providers engaged in cov-  
4 ered activities under a blanket license;  
5 and

6 “(H) regarding adjustments to  
7 reports of usage by digital music pro-  
8 viders, including mechanisms to ac-  
9 count for overpayment and under-  
10 payment of royalties in prior periods.

11 “(B) COLLECTION OF SOUND RECORDING  
12 INFORMATION.—A digital music provider shall  
13 engage in good-faith, commercially reasonable  
14 efforts to obtain from copyright owners of  
15 sound recordings made available through the  
16 service of such digital music provider—

17 “(i) sound recording copyright owners,  
18 producers, international standard recording  
19 codes, and other information commonly  
20 used in the industry to identify sound re-  
21 cordings and match them to the musical  
22 works the sound recordings embody; and

23 “(ii) information concerning the au-  
24 thorship and ownership of musical works,  
25 including songwriters, publisher names,

1 ownership shares, and international stand-  
2 ard musical work codes.

3 “(C) PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AS-  
4 SESSMENT.—A digital music provider and any  
5 significant nonblanket licensee shall pay the ad-  
6 ministrative assessment established under para-  
7 graph (7)(D) in accordance with this subsection  
8 and applicable regulations.

9 “(D) VERIFICATION OF PAYMENTS BY DIG-  
10 ITAL MUSIC PROVIDERS.—

11 “(i) VERIFICATION PROCESS.—The  
12 mechanical licensing collective may conduct  
13 an audit of a digital music provider oper-  
14 ating under the blanket license to verify  
15 the accuracy of royalty payments by the  
16 digital music provider to the mechanical li-  
17 censing collective as follows:

18 “(I) The mechanical licensing  
19 collective may commence an audit of a  
20 digital music provider no more than  
21 once in any 3-calendar-year period to  
22 cover a verification period of no more  
23 than the 3 full calendar years pre-  
24 ceeding the date of commencement of  
25 the audit, and such audit may not

1           audit records for any such ~~3~~-year  
2           verification period more than once.

3           ~~“(II) The audit shall be con-~~  
4           ~~ducted by a qualified auditor, who~~  
5           ~~shall perform the audit during the or-~~  
6           ~~inary course of business by exam-~~  
7           ~~ining the books, records, and data of~~  
8           ~~the digital music provider, according~~  
9           ~~to generally accepted auditing stand-~~  
10          ~~ards and subject to applicable con-~~  
11          ~~fidentiality requirements prescribed by~~  
12          ~~the Register of Copyrights under~~  
13          ~~paragraph (12)(C).~~

14          ~~“(III) The digital music provider~~  
15          ~~shall make such books, records, and~~  
16          ~~data available to the qualified auditor~~  
17          ~~and respond to reasonable requests~~  
18          ~~for relevant information, and shall use~~  
19          ~~commercially reasonable efforts to~~  
20          ~~provide access to relevant information~~  
21          ~~maintained with respect to a digital~~  
22          ~~music provider by third parties.~~

23          ~~“(IV) To commence the audit,~~  
24          ~~the mechanical licensing collective~~  
25          ~~shall file with the Copyright Office a~~

1 notice of intent to conduct an audit of  
2 the digital music provider, identifying  
3 the period of time to be audited, and  
4 shall simultaneously deliver a copy of  
5 such notice to the digital music pro-  
6 vider. The Register of Copyrights  
7 shall cause the notice of audit to be  
8 published in the Federal Register  
9 within 45 calendar days after receipt.

10 “(V) The qualified auditor shall  
11 determine the accuracy of royalty pay-  
12 ments, including whether an under-  
13 payment or overpayment of royalties  
14 was made by the digital music pro-  
15 vider to the mechanical licensing col-  
16 lective, but before providing a final  
17 audit report to the mechanical licens-  
18 ing collective, the qualified auditor  
19 shall provide a tentative draft of the  
20 report to the digital music provider  
21 and allow the digital music provider a  
22 reasonable opportunity to respond to  
23 the findings, including by clarifying  
24 issues and correcting factual errors.

1           “(VI) The mechanical licensing  
2           collective shall pay the cost of the  
3           audit, unless the qualified auditor de-  
4           termines that there was an under-  
5           payment by the digital music provider  
6           of 10 percent or more, in which case  
7           the digital music provider shall bear  
8           the reasonable costs of the audit, in  
9           addition to paying the amount of any  
10          underpayment to the mechanical li-  
11          censing collective. In case of an over-  
12          payment by the digital music provider,  
13          the mechanical licensing collective  
14          shall provide a credit to the account  
15          of the digital music provider.

16          “(VII) A digital music provider  
17          may not assert section 507 or any  
18          other Federal or State statute of limi-  
19          tations, doctrine of laches or estoppel,  
20          or similar provision as a defense to a  
21          legal action arising from an audit  
22          under this subparagraph if such legal  
23          action is commenced no more than 6  
24          years after the commencement of the  
25          audit that is the basis for such action.

1           “(ii) ALTERNATIVE VERIFICATION  
 2 PROCEDURES.—Nothing in this subpara-  
 3 graph shall preclude the mechanical licens-  
 4 ing collective and a digital music provider  
 5 from agreeing to audit procedures different  
 6 from those described herein, but a notice  
 7 of the audit shall be provided to and pub-  
 8 lished by the Copyright Office as described  
 9 in clause (i)(IV).

10           “(E) DEFAULT UNDER BLANKET LI-  
 11 CENSE.—

12           “(i) CONDITIONS OF DEFAULT.—A  
 13 digital music provider shall be in default  
 14 under a blanket license if the digital music  
 15 provider—

16           “(I) fails to provide one or more  
 17 monthly reports of usage to the me-  
 18 chanical licensing collective when due;

19           “(II) fails to make a monthly  
 20 royalty or late fee payment to the me-  
 21 chanical licensing collective when due;  
 22 in all or material part;

23           “(III) provides one or more  
 24 monthly reports of usage to the me-  
 25 chanical licensing collective that, on

1 the whole, is or are materially defi-  
2 cient as a result of inaccurate, miss-  
3 ing, or unreadable data, where the  
4 correct data was available to the dig-  
5 ital music provider and required to be  
6 reported under this section and appli-  
7 cable regulations;

8 “(IV) fails to pay the administra-  
9 tive assessment as required under this  
10 subsection and applicable regulations;  
11 or

12 “(V) after being provided written  
13 notice by the mechanical licensing col-  
14 lective, refuses to comply with any  
15 other material term or condition of  
16 the blanket license under this section  
17 for a period of 60 calendar days or  
18 longer.

19 “(ii) NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND TER-  
20 MINATION.—In case of a default by a dig-  
21 ital music provider, the mechanical licens-  
22 ing collective may proceed to terminate the  
23 blanket license of the digital music pro-  
24 vider as follows:

1           “(I) The mechanical licensing  
2           collective shall provide written notice  
3           to the digital music provider describ-  
4           ing with reasonable particularity the  
5           default and advising that unless such  
6           default is cured within 60 calendar  
7           days after the date of the notice, the  
8           blanket license will automatically ter-  
9           minate at the end of that period.

10           “(II) If the digital music provider  
11           fails to remedy the default within the  
12           60-day period referenced in subclause  
13           (I), the license shall terminate without  
14           any further action on the part of the  
15           mechanical licensing collective. Such  
16           termination renders the making of all  
17           digital phonorecord deliveries of all  
18           musical works (and shares thereof)  
19           covered by the blanket license for  
20           which the royalty or administrative  
21           assessment has not been paid action-  
22           able as acts of infringement under  
23           section 501 and subject to the rem-  
24           edies provided by sections 502  
25           through 506.



1           “(iii) NOTICE TO COPYRIGHT OWN-  
 2           ERS.—The mechanical licensing collective  
 3           shall provide written notice of any termi-  
 4           nation under this subparagraph to copy-  
 5           right owners of affected works.

6           “(iv) REVIEW BY FEDERAL DISTRICT  
 7           COURT.—A digital music provider that be-  
 8           lieves a blanket license was improperly ter-  
 9           minated by the mechanical licensing collec-  
 10          tive may seek review of such termination in  
 11          Federal district court. The district court  
 12          shall determine the matter de novo based  
 13          on the record before the mechanical licens-  
 14          ing collective and any additional sup-  
 15          porting evidence presented by the parties.

16          “(5) DIGITAL LICENSEE COORDINATOR.—

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The digital licensee  
 18          coordinator shall be a single entity that—

19           “(i) is a nonprofit, not owned by any  
 20           other entity, that is created to carry out  
 21           responsibilities under this subsection;

22           “(ii) is endorsed by and enjoys sub-  
 23           stantial support from digital music pro-  
 24           viders and significant nonblanket licensees  
 25           that together represent the greatest per-

1 centage of the licensee market for uses of  
2 musical works in covered activities, as  
3 measured over the preceding 3 calendar  
4 years;

5 “(iii) is able to demonstrate that it  
6 has, or will have prior to the license avail-  
7 ability date, the administrative capabilities  
8 to perform the required functions of the  
9 digital licensee coordinator under this sub-  
10 section; and

11 “(iv) has been designated by the Reg-  
12 ister of Copyrights in accordance with sub-  
13 paragraph (B).

14 “(B) DESIGNATION OF DIGITAL LICENSEE  
15 COORDINATOR.—

16 “(i) INITIAL DESIGNATION.—The  
17 Register of Copyrights shall initially des-  
18 ignate the digital licensee coordinator with-  
19 in 9 months after the enactment date, in  
20 accordance with the same procedure de-  
21 scribed for designation of the mechanical  
22 licensing collective in paragraph (3)(B)(i).

23 “(ii) PERIODIC REVIEW OF DESIGNA-  
24 TION.—Following the initial designation of  
25 the digital licensee coordinator, the Reg-

1           ister shall, every 5 years, beginning with  
2           the fifth full calendar year to commence  
3           after the initial designation, determine  
4           whether the existing designation should be  
5           continued, or a different entity meeting the  
6           criteria described in clauses (i) through  
7           (iii) of subparagraph (A) should be des-  
8           ignated, in accordance with the same pro-  
9           cedure described for the mechanical licens-  
10          ing collective in paragraph (3)(B)(ii).

11           “(iii) INABILITY TO DESIGNATE.—If  
12          the Register is unable to identify an entity  
13          that fulfills each of the qualifications de-  
14          scribed in clauses (i) through (iii) of sub-  
15          paragraph (A) to serve as the digital li-  
16          censee coordinator, the Register may de-  
17          cline to designate a digital licensee coordi-  
18          nator. The Register’s determination not to  
19          designate a digital licensee coordinator  
20          shall not negate or otherwise affect any  
21          provision of this subsection except to the  
22          limited extent that a provision references  
23          the digital licensee coordinator. In such  
24          case, the reference to the digital licensee  
25          coordinator shall be without effect unless

1 and until a new digital licensee coordinator  
2 is designated.

3 ~~“(C) AUTHORITIES AND FUNCTIONS.—~~

4 ~~“(i) IN GENERAL.—The digital li-~~  
5 ~~icensee coordinator is authorized to perform~~  
6 ~~the following functions, subject to more~~  
7 ~~particular requirements as described in~~  
8 ~~this subsection:~~

9 ~~“(I) Establish a governance~~  
10 ~~structure, criteria for membership,~~  
11 ~~and any dues to be paid by its mem-~~  
12 ~~bers.~~

13 ~~“(II) Engage in efforts to enforce~~  
14 ~~notice and payment obligations with~~  
15 ~~respect to the administrative assess-~~  
16 ~~ment, including by receiving informa-~~  
17 ~~tion from and coordinating with the~~  
18 ~~mechanical licensing collective.~~

19 ~~“(III) Initiate and participate in~~  
20 ~~proceedings before the Copyright Roy-~~  
21 ~~alty Judges to establish the adminis-~~  
22 ~~trative assessment under this sub-~~  
23 ~~section.~~

24 ~~“(IV) Initiate and participate in~~  
25 ~~proceedings before the Copyright Of-~~

1                   fice with respect to activities under  
2                   this subsection.

3                   “(V) Gather and provide docu-  
4                   mentation for use in proceedings be-  
5                   fore the Copyright Royalty Judges to  
6                   set rates and terms under this section.

7                   “(VI) Maintain records of its ac-  
8                   tivities.

9                   “(VII) Engage in such other ac-  
10                  tivities as may be necessary or appro-  
11                  priate to fulfill its responsibilities  
12                  under this subsection.

13                  “(ii) RESTRICTION ON LOBBYING.—  
14                  The digital licensee coordinator may not  
15                  engage in government lobbying activities,  
16                  but may engage in the activities described  
17                  in subclauses (III), (IV), and (V) of clause  
18                  (i).

19                  “(6) REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNIFICANT NON-  
20                  BLANKET LICENSEES.—

21                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—

22                  “(i) NOTICE OF ACTIVITY.—Not later  
23                  than 45 calendar days after the license  
24                  availability date, or 45 calendar days after  
25                  the end of the first full calendar month in

1 which an entity initially qualifies as a sig-  
2 nificant nonblanket licensee, whichever oc-  
3 curs later, a significant nonblanket licensee  
4 shall submit a notice of nonblanket activity  
5 to the mechanical licensing collective. The  
6 notice of nonblanket activity shall comply  
7 in form and substance with requirements  
8 that the Register of Copyrights shall estab-  
9 lish by regulation, and a copy shall be  
10 made available to the digital licensee coor-  
11 dinator.

12 “(ii) REPORTING AND PAYMENT OBLI-  
13 GATIONS.—The notice of nonblanket activ-  
14 ity submitted to the mechanical licensing  
15 collective shall be accompanied by a report  
16 of usage that contains the information de-  
17 scribed in paragraph (4)(A)(ii), as well as  
18 any payment of the administrative assess-  
19 ment required under this subsection and  
20 applicable regulations. Thereafter, subject  
21 to clause (iii), a significant nonblanket li-  
22 censee shall continue to provide monthly  
23 reports of usage, accompanied by any re-  
24 quired payment of the administrative as-  
25 sessment, to the mechanical licensing col-

1           lective. Such reports and payments shall be  
2           submitted not later than 45 calendar days  
3           after the end of the calendar month being  
4           reported.

5           “(iii) DISCONTINUATION OF OBLIGA-  
6           TIONS.—An entity that has submitted a  
7           notice of nonblanket activity to the me-  
8           chanical licensing collective that has ceased  
9           to qualify as a significant nonblanket li-  
10          censee may so notify the collective in writ-  
11          ing. In such case, as of the calendar month  
12          in which such notice is provided, such enti-  
13          ty shall no longer be required to provide  
14          reports of usage or pay the administrative  
15          assessment, but if such entity later quali-  
16          fies as a significant nonblanket licensee,  
17          such entity shall again be required to com-  
18          ply with clauses (i) and (ii).

19          “(B) REPORTING BY MECHANICAL LICENS-  
20          ING COLLECTIVE TO DIGITAL LICENSEE COOR-  
21          DINATOR.—

22          “(i) MONTHLY REPORTS OF NON-  
23          COMPLIANT LICENSEES.—The mechanical  
24          licensing collective shall provide monthly  
25          reports to the digital licensee coordinator

1 setting forth any significant nonblanket li-  
2 censees of which the collective is aware  
3 that have failed to comply with subpara-  
4 graph (A).

5 “(ii) TREATMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL  
6 INFORMATION.—The mechanical licensing  
7 collective and digital licensee coordinator  
8 shall take appropriate steps to safeguard  
9 the confidentiality and security of financial  
10 and other sensitive data shared under this  
11 subparagraph, in accordance with the con-  
12 fidentiality requirements prescribed by the  
13 Register of Copyrights under paragraph  
14 (12)(C).

15 “(C) LEGAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.—

16 “(i) FEDERAL COURT ACTION.—  
17 Should the mechanical licensing collective  
18 or digital licensee coordinator become  
19 aware that a significant nonblanket li-  
20 censee has failed to comply with subpara-  
21 graph (A), either may commence an action  
22 in Federal district court for damages and  
23 injunctive relief. If the significant non-  
24 blanket licensee is found liable, the court  
25 shall, absent a finding of excusable neglect,



1 award damages in an amount equal to  
2 three times the total amount of the unpaid  
3 administrative assessment and, notwith-  
4 standing anything to the contrary in sec-  
5 tion 505, reasonable attorney's fees and  
6 costs, as well as such other relief as the  
7 court deems appropriate. In all other  
8 cases, the court shall award relief as ap-  
9 propriate. Any recovery of damages shall  
10 be payable to the mechanical licensing col-  
11 lective as an offset to the collective total  
12 costs.

13 “(ii) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR  
14 ENFORCEMENT ACTION.—Any action de-  
15 scribed in this subparagraph shall be com-  
16 menced within the time period described in  
17 section 507(b).

18 “(iii) OTHER RIGHTS AND REMEDIES  
19 PRESERVED.—The ability of the mechan-  
20 ical licensing collective or digital licensee  
21 coordinator to bring an action under this  
22 subparagraph shall in no way alter, limit  
23 or negate any other right or remedy that  
24 may be available to any party at law or in  
25 equity.

1           “(7) FUNDING OF MECHANICAL LICENSING  
2 COLLECTIVE.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The collective total  
4 costs shall be funded by—

5           “(i) an administrative assessment, as  
6 such assessment is established by the  
7 Copyright Royalty Judges pursuant to sub-  
8 paragraph (D) from time to time, to be  
9 paid by—

10           “(I) digital music providers that  
11 are engaged, in all or in part, in cov-  
12 ered activities pursuant to a blanket  
13 license; and

14           “(II) significant nonblanket li-  
15 censees; and

16           “(ii) voluntary contributions from dig-  
17 ital music providers and significant non-  
18 blanket licensees as may be agreed with  
19 copyright owners.

20           “(B) VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.—

21           “(i) AGREEMENTS CONCERNING CON-  
22 TRIBUTIONS.—Except as provided in  
23 clause (ii), voluntary contributions by dig-  
24 ital music providers and significant non-  
25 blanket licensees shall be determined by

1 private negotiation and agreement, and the  
2 following conditions apply:

3 “(I) The date and amount of  
4 each voluntary contribution to the me-  
5 chanical licensing collective shall be  
6 documented in a writing signed by an  
7 authorized agent of the mechanical li-  
8 censing collective and the contributing  
9 party.

10 “(II) Such agreement shall be  
11 made available as required in pro-  
12 ceedings before the Copyright Royalty  
13 Judges to establish or adjust the ad-  
14 ministrative assessment in accordance  
15 with applicable statutory and regu-  
16 latory provisions and rulings of the  
17 Copyright Royalty Judges.

18 “(ii) TREATMENT OF CONTRIBU-  
19 TIONS.—Each such voluntary contribution  
20 shall be treated for purposes of an admin-  
21 istrative assessment proceeding as an off-  
22 set to the collective total costs that would  
23 otherwise be recovered through the admin-  
24 istrative assessment. Any allocation or re-  
25 allocation of voluntary contributions be-

1           tween or among individual digital music  
2           providers or significant nonblanket licens-  
3           ees shall be a matter of private negotiation  
4           and agreement among such parties and  
5           outside the scope of the administrative as-  
6           sessment proceeding.

7           “(C) INTERIM APPLICATION OF ACCRUED  
8           ROYALTIES.—In the event that the administra-  
9           tive assessment, together with any funding from  
10          voluntary contributions as provided in subpara-  
11          graphs (A) and (B), is inadequate to cover cur-  
12          rent collective total costs, the collective, with  
13          approval of its board of directors, may apply  
14          unclaimed accrued royalties on an interim basis  
15          to defray such costs, subject to future reim-  
16          bursement of such royalties from future collec-  
17          tions of the assessment.

18          “(D) DETERMINATION OF ADMINISTRA-  
19          TIVE ASSESSMENT.—

20                 “(i) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT TO  
21                 COVER COLLECTIVE TOTAL COSTS.—The  
22                 administrative assessment shall be used  
23                 solely and exclusively to fund the collective  
24                 total costs.

1           “(ii) SEPARATE PROCEEDING BEFORE  
2           COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES.—The  
3           amount and terms of the administrative  
4           assessment shall be determined and estab-  
5           lished in a separate and independent pro-  
6           ceeding before the Copyright Royalty  
7           Judges, according to the procedures de-  
8           scribed in clauses (iii) and (iv). The admin-  
9           istrative assessment determined in such  
10          proceeding shall—

11                   “(I) be wholly independent of  
12                   royalty rates and terms applicable to  
13                   digital music providers, which shall  
14                   not be taken into consideration in any  
15                   manner in establishing the adminis-  
16                   trative assessment;

17                   “(II) be established by the Copy-  
18                   right Royalty Judges in an amount  
19                   that is calculated to defray the rea-  
20                   sonable collective total costs;

21                   “(III) be assessed based on usage  
22                   of musical works by digital music pro-  
23                   viders and significant nonblanket li-  
24                   censees in covered activities under

1 both compulsory and nonblanket li-  
2 censes;

3 “(IV) may be in the form of a  
4 percentage of royalties payable under  
5 this section for usage of musical  
6 works in covered activities (regardless  
7 of whether a different rate applies  
8 under a voluntary license), or any  
9 other usage-based metric reasonably  
10 calculated to equitably allocate the  
11 collective total costs across digital  
12 music providers and significant non-  
13 blanket licensees engaged in covered  
14 activities, but shall include as a com-  
15 ponent a minimum fee for all digital  
16 music providers and significant non-  
17 blanket licensees; and

18 “(V) take into consideration an-  
19 ticipated future collective total costs  
20 and collections of the administrative  
21 assessment, but also, as applicable—

22 “(aa) any portion of past ac-  
23 tual collective total costs of the  
24 mechanical licensing collective  
25 not funded by previous collections

1 of the administrative assessment  
2 or voluntary contributions be-  
3 cause such collections or con-  
4 tributions together were insuffi-  
5 cient to fund such costs;

6 “(bb) any past collections of  
7 the administrative assessment  
8 and voluntary contributions that  
9 exceeded past actual collective  
10 total costs, resulting in a surplus;  
11 and

12 “(cc) the amount of any vol-  
13 untary contributions by digital  
14 music providers or significant  
15 nonblanket licensees in relevant  
16 periods, described in subpara-  
17 graphs (A) and (B) of paragraph  
18 (7).

19 “(iii) INITIAL ADMINISTRATIVE AS-  
20 SESSMENT.—The procedure for estab-  
21 lishing the initial administrative assess-  
22 ment shall be as follows:

23 “(I) The Copyright Royalty  
24 Judges shall commence a proceeding  
25 to establish the initial administrative

1 assessment within 9 months after the  
2 enactment date by publishing a notice  
3 in the Federal Register seeking peti-  
4 tions to participate.

5 “(II) The mechanical licensing  
6 collective and digital licensee coordi-  
7 nator shall participate in such pro-  
8 ceeding, along with any interested  
9 copyright owners, digital music pro-  
10 viders or significant nonblanket licens-  
11 ees that have notified the Copyright  
12 Royalty Judges of their desire to par-  
13 ticipate.

14 “(III) The Copyright Royalty  
15 Judges shall establish a schedule for  
16 submission by the parties of informa-  
17 tion that may be relevant to estab-  
18 lishing the administrative assessment,  
19 including actual and anticipated col-  
20 lective total costs of the mechanical li-  
21 censing collective, actual and antici-  
22 pated collections from digital music  
23 providers and significant nonblanket  
24 licensees, and documentation of vol-  
25 untary contributions, as well as a



1 schedule for further proceedings,  
2 which shall include a hearing, as they  
3 deem appropriate.

4 “(IV) The initial administrative  
5 assessment shall be determined, and  
6 such determination shall be published  
7 in the Federal Register by the Copy-  
8 right Royalty Judges, within 1 year  
9 after commencement of the proceeding  
10 described in this clause. The deter-  
11 mination shall be supported by a writ-  
12 ten record. The initial administrative  
13 assessment shall be effective as of the  
14 license availability date, and shall con-  
15 tinue in effect unless and until an ad-  
16 justed administrative assessment is  
17 established pursuant to an adjustment  
18 proceeding under clause (iii).

19 “(iv) ADJUSTMENT OF ADMINISTRA-  
20 TIVE ASSESSMENT.—The administrative  
21 assessment may be adjusted by the Copy-  
22 right Royalty Judges periodically, in ac-  
23 cordance with the following procedures:

24 “(I) No earlier than 1 year after  
25 the most recent publication of a deter-

1           mination of the administrative assess-  
2           ment by the Copyright Royalty  
3           Judges, the mechanical licensing col-  
4           lective, the digital licensee coordi-  
5           nator, or one or more interested copy-  
6           right owners, digital music providers,  
7           or significant nonblanket licensees,  
8           may file a petition with the Copyright  
9           Royalty Judges in the month of Octo-  
10          ber to commence a proceeding to ad-  
11          just the administrative assessment.

12           “(H) Notice of the commence-  
13          ment of such proceeding shall be pub-  
14          lished in the Federal Register in the  
15          month of November following the fil-  
16          ing of any petition, with a schedule of  
17          requested information and additional  
18          proceedings, as described in clause  
19          (iii)(H). The mechanical licensing  
20          collective and digital licensee coordi-  
21          nator shall participate in such pro-  
22          ceeding, along with any interested  
23          copyright owners, digital music pro-  
24          viders, or significant nonblanket li-  
25          censees that have notified the Copy-

1 right Royalty Judges of their desire to  
2 participate.

3 “(III) The determination of the  
4 adjusted administrative assessment,  
5 which shall be supported by a written  
6 record, shall be published in the Fed-  
7 eral Register during November of the  
8 calendar year following the commence-  
9 ment of the proceeding. The adjusted  
10 administrative assessment shall take  
11 effect January 1 of the year following  
12 such publication.

13 “(v) ADOPTION OF VOLUNTARY  
14 AGREEMENTS.—In lieu of reaching their  
15 own determination based on evaluation of  
16 relevant data, the Copyright Royalty  
17 Judges shall approve and adopt a nego-  
18 tiated agreement to establish the amount  
19 and terms of the administrative assessment  
20 that has been agreed to by the mechanical  
21 licensing collective and the digital licensee  
22 coordinator (or if none has been des-  
23 ignated, interested digital music providers  
24 and significant nonblanket licensees rep-  
25 resenting more than half of the market for

1 uses of musical works in covered activi-  
2 ties); but the Copyright Royalty Judges  
3 shall have the discretion to reject any such  
4 agreement for good cause shown. An ad-  
5 ministrative assessment adopted under this  
6 clause shall apply to all digital music pro-  
7 viders and significant nonblanket licensees  
8 engaged in covered activities during the pe-  
9 riod it is in effect.

10 “(vi) CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO  
11 AMEND.—The Copyright Royalty Judges  
12 shall retain continuing authority to amend  
13 a determination of an administrative as-  
14 sessment to correct technical or clerical er-  
15 rors, or modify the terms of implementa-  
16 tion, for good cause, with any such amend-  
17 ment to be published in the Federal Reg-  
18 ister.

19 “(vii) APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
20 ASSESSMENT.—The determination of an  
21 administrative assessment by the Copy-  
22 right Royalty Judges shall be appealable,  
23 within 30 calendar days after publication  
24 in the Federal Register, to the Court of  
25 Appeals for the District of Columbia Cir-

1            cuit by any party that fully participated in  
2            the proceeding. The administrative assess-  
3            ment as established by the Copyright Roy-  
4            alty Judges shall remain in effect pending  
5            the final outcome of any such appeal, and  
6            the mechanical licensing collective, digital  
7            licensee coordinator, digital music pro-  
8            viders, and significant nonblanket licensees  
9            shall implement appropriate financial or  
10           other measures within 3 months after any  
11           modification of the assessment to reflect  
12           and account for such outcome.

13                    “(viii) REGULATIONS.—The Copyright  
14            Royalty Judges may adopt regulations to  
15            govern the conduct of proceedings under  
16            this paragraph.

17                    “(8) ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES AND TERMS  
18            UNDER BLANKET LICENSE.—

19                    “(A) RESTRICTIONS ON RATESETTING  
20            PARTICIPATION.—Neither the mechanical li-  
21            censing collective nor the digital licensee coordi-  
22            nator shall be a party to a proceeding described  
23            in subsection (c)(1)(E), but either may gather  
24            and provide financial and other information for  
25            the use of a party to such a proceeding and

1           comply with requests for information as re-  
2           quired under applicable statutory and regu-  
3           latory provisions and rulings of the Copyright  
4           Royalty Judges.

5           “(B) APPLICATION OF LATE FEES.—In  
6           any proceeding described in subparagraph (A)  
7           in which the Copyright Royalty Judges estab-  
8           lish a late fee for late payment of royalties for  
9           uses of musical works under this section, such  
10          fee shall apply to covered activities under blan-  
11          ket licenses, as follows:

12                 “(i) Late fees for past due royalty  
13                 payments shall accrue from the due date  
14                 for payment until payment is received by  
15                 the mechanical licensing collective.

16                 “(ii) The availability of late fees shall  
17                 in no way prevent a copyright owner or the  
18                 mechanical licensing collective from assert-  
19                 ing any other rights or remedies to which  
20                 such copyright owner or the mechanical li-  
21                 censing collective may be entitled under  
22                 this title.

23           “(C) INTERIM RATE AGREEMENTS IN GEN-  
24           ERAL.—For any covered activity for which no  
25           rate or terms have been established by the

1 Copyright Royalty Judges, the mechanical li-  
2 censing collective and any digital music provider  
3 may agree to an interim rate and terms for  
4 such activity under the blanket license, and any  
5 such rate and terms—

6 “(i) shall be treated as nonpreceden-  
7 tial and not cited or relied upon in any  
8 ratesetting proceeding before the Copyright  
9 Royalty Judges or any other tribunal; and

10 “(ii) shall automatically expire upon  
11 the establishment of a rate and terms for  
12 such covered activity by the Copyright  
13 Royalty Judges, under subsection  
14 (e)(1)(E).

15 “(D) ADJUSTMENTS FOR INTERIM  
16 RATES.—The rate and terms established by the  
17 Copyright Royalty Judges for a covered activity  
18 to which an interim rate and terms have been  
19 agreed under subparagraph (C) shall supersede  
20 the interim rate and terms and apply retro-  
21 actively to the inception of the activity under  
22 the blanket license. In such case, within 3  
23 months after the rate and terms established by  
24 the Copyright Royalty Judges become effec-  
25 tive—

1           “(i) if the rate established by the  
2           Copyright Royalty Judges exceeds the in-  
3           terim rate, the digital music provider shall  
4           pay to the mechanical licensing collective  
5           the amount of any underpayment of roy-  
6           alties due; or

7           “(ii) if the interim rate exceeds the  
8           rate established by the Copyright Royalty  
9           Judges, the mechanical licensing collective  
10          shall credit the account of the digital music  
11          provider for the amount of any overpay-  
12          ment of royalties due.

13          “(9) TRANSITION TO BLANKET LICENSES.—

14          “(A) SUBSTITUTION OF BLANKET LI-  
15          CENSE.—On the license availability date, a  
16          blanket license shall, without any interruption  
17          in license authority enjoyed by such digital  
18          music provider, be automatically substituted for  
19          and supersede any existing compulsory license  
20          previously obtained under this section by the  
21          digital music provider from a copyright owner  
22          to engage in one or more covered activities with  
23          respect to a musical work, but the foregoing  
24          shall not apply to any authority obtained from  
25          a record company pursuant to a compulsory li-



1           cense to make and distribute permanent  
2           downloads unless and until such record com-  
3           pany terminates such authority in writing to  
4           take effect at the end of a monthly reporting  
5           period, with a copy to the mechanical licensing  
6           collective.

7           “(B) EXPIRATION OF EXISTING LI-  
8           CENSES.—Except to the extent provided in sub-  
9           paragraph (A), on and after the license avail-  
10          ability date, licenses other than individual  
11          download licenses obtained under this section  
12          for covered activities prior to the license avail-  
13          ability date shall no longer continue in effect.

14          “(C) TREATMENT OF VOLUNTARY LI-  
15          CENSES.—A voluntary license for a covered ac-  
16          tivity in effect on the license availability date  
17          will remain in effect unless and until the vol-  
18          untary license expires according to the terms of  
19          the voluntary license, or the parties agree to  
20          amend or terminate the voluntary license. In a  
21          case where a voluntary license for a covered ac-  
22          tivity entered into before the license availability  
23          date incorporates the terms of this section by  
24          reference, the terms so incorporated (but not  
25          the rates) shall be those in effect immediately

1 prior to the license availability date, and those  
 2 terms shall continue to apply unless and until  
 3 such voluntary license is terminated or amend-  
 4 ed, or the parties enter into a new voluntary li-  
 5 cense.

6 “(D) FURTHER ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICES  
 7 FOR COVERED ACTIVITIES BY COPYRIGHT OF-  
 8 FICE.—On and after the enactment date—

9 “(i) the Copyright Office shall no  
 10 longer accept notices of intention with re-  
 11 spect to covered activities; and

12 “(ii) previously filed notices of inten-  
 13 tion will no longer be effective or provide  
 14 license authority with respect to covered  
 15 activities, but before the license availability  
 16 date there shall be no liability under sec-  
 17 tion 501 for the reproduction or distribu-  
 18 tion of a musical work (or share thereof)  
 19 in covered activities if a valid notice of in-  
 20 tention was filed for such work (or share)  
 21 before the enactment date.

22 “(10) PRIOR UNLICENSED USES.—

23 “(A) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY IN GEN-  
 24 ERAL.—A copyright owner that commences an  
 25 action under section 501 on or after January 1,

1           2018, against a digital music provider for the  
2           infringement of the exclusive rights provided by  
3           paragraph (1) or (2) of section 106 arising  
4           from the unauthorized reproduction or distribu-  
5           tion of a musical work by such digital music  
6           provider in the course of engaging in covered  
7           activities prior to the license availability date,  
8           shall, as the copyright owner's sole and exclu-  
9           sive remedy against the digital music provider,  
10          be eligible to recover the royalty prescribed  
11          under subsection (e)(1)(C) and chapter 8 of  
12          this title, from the digital music provider, pro-  
13          vided that such digital music provider can dem-  
14          onstrate compliance with the requirements of  
15          subparagraph (B), as applicable. In all other  
16          cases the limitation on liability under this sub-  
17          paragraph shall not apply.

18                 “(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITATION ON  
19                 LIABILITY.—The following requirements shall  
20                 apply on the enactment date and through the  
21                 end of the period that expires 90 days after the  
22                 license availability date to digital music pro-  
23                 viders seeking to avail themselves of the limita-  
24                 tion on liability described in subparagraph (A):

1           “(i) No later than 30 calendar days  
2 after first making a particular sound re-  
3 cording of a musical work available  
4 through its service via one or more covered  
5 activities, or 30 calendar days after the en-  
6 actment date, whichever occurs later, a  
7 digital music provider shall engage in  
8 good-faith, commercially reasonable efforts  
9 to identify and locate each copyright owner  
10 of such musical work (or share thereof).  
11 Such required matching efforts shall in-  
12 clude the following:

13           “(I) Good-faith, commercially  
14 reasonable efforts to obtain from the  
15 owner of the corresponding sound re-  
16 cording made available through the  
17 digital music provider’s service the fol-  
18 lowing information:

19           “(aa) Sound recording  
20 name, featured artist, sound re-  
21 cording copyright owner, pro-  
22 ducer, international standard re-  
23 cording code, and other informa-  
24 tion commonly used in the indus-  
25 try to identify sound recordings

1 and match them to the musical  
2 works they embody.

3 “(bb) Any available musical  
4 work ownership information, in-  
5 cluding each songwriter and pub-  
6 lisher name; percentage owner-  
7 ship share; and international  
8 standard musical work code.

9 “(H) Employment of one or more  
10 bulk electronic matching processes  
11 that are available to the digital music  
12 provider through a third-party vendor  
13 on commercially reasonable terms; but  
14 a digital music provider may rely on  
15 its own bulk electronic matching pro-  
16 cess if it has capabilities comparable to  
17 or better than those available from a  
18 third-party vendor on commercially  
19 reasonable terms.

20 “(ii) The required matching efforts  
21 shall be repeated by the digital music pro-  
22 vider no less than once per month for so  
23 long as the copyright owner remains un-  
24 identified or has not been located.

1           “(iii) If the required matching efforts  
2           are successful in identifying and locating a  
3           copyright owner of a musical work (or  
4           share thereof) by the end of the calendar  
5           month in which the digital music provider  
6           first makes use of the work, the digital  
7           music provider shall provide statements of  
8           account and pay royalties to such copy-  
9           right owner in accordance with this section  
10          and applicable regulations.

11          “(iv) If the copyright owner is not  
12          identified or located by the end of the cal-  
13          endar month in which the digital music  
14          provider first makes use of the work, the  
15          digital music provider shall accrue and  
16          hold royalties calculated under the applica-  
17          ble statutory rate in accordance with usage  
18          of the work, from initial use of the work  
19          until the accrued royalties can be paid to  
20          the copyright owner or are required to be  
21          transferred to the mechanical licensing col-  
22          lective, as follows:

23                  “(I) Accrued royalties shall be  
24                  maintained by the digital music pro-

1 vider in accordance with generally ac-  
2 cepted accounting principles.

3 “(H) If a copyright owner of an  
4 unmatched musical work (or share  
5 thereof) is identified and located by or  
6 to the digital music provider before  
7 the license availability date, the digital  
8 music provider shall—

9 “(aa) within 45 calendar  
10 days after the end of the cal-  
11 endar month during which the  
12 copyright owner was identified  
13 and located, pay the copyright  
14 owner all accrued royalties, such  
15 payment to be accompanied by a  
16 cumulative statement of account  
17 that includes all of the informa-  
18 tion that would have been pro-  
19 vided to the copyright owner had  
20 the digital music provider been  
21 providing monthly statements of  
22 account to the copyright owner  
23 from initial use of the work in  
24 accordance with this section and  
25 applicable regulations, including

1 the requisite certification under  
2 subsection (e)(2)(I);

3 “(bb) beginning with the ac-  
4 counting period following the cal-  
5 endar month in which the copy-  
6 right owner was identified and lo-  
7 cated; and for all other account-  
8 ing periods prior to the license  
9 availability date, provide monthly  
10 statements of account and pay  
11 royalties to the copyright owner  
12 as required under this section  
13 and applicable regulations; and

14 “(cc) beginning with the  
15 monthly royalty reporting period  
16 commencing on the license avail-  
17 ability date, report usage and pay  
18 royalties for such musical work  
19 (or share thereof) for such re-  
20 porting period and reporting pe-  
21 riods thereafter to the mechanical  
22 licensing collective, as required  
23 under this subsection and appli-  
24 cable regulations.



1           “(III) If a copyright owner of an  
2 unmatched musical work (or share  
3 thereof) is not identified and located  
4 by the license availability date, the  
5 digital music provider shall—

6           “(aa) within 45 calendar  
7 days after the license availability  
8 date, transfer all accrued royalti-  
9 ties to the mechanical licensing  
10 collective, such payment to be ac-  
11 companied by a cumulative state-  
12 ment of account that includes all  
13 of the information that would  
14 have been provided to the copy-  
15 right owner had the digital music  
16 provider been serving monthly  
17 statements of account on the  
18 copyright owner from initial use  
19 of the work in accordance with  
20 this section and applicable regu-  
21 lations, including the requisite  
22 certification under subsection  
23 (c)(2)(I), and accompanied by an  
24 additional certification by a duly  
25 authorized officer of the digital

1 music provider that the digital  
2 music provider has fulfilled the  
3 requirements of clauses (i) and  
4 (ii) of subparagraph (B) but has  
5 not been successful in locating or  
6 identifying the copyright owner;  
7 and

8 “(bb) beginning with the  
9 monthly royalty reporting period  
10 commencing on the license avail-  
11 ability date, report usage and pay  
12 royalties for such musical work  
13 (or share thereof) for such period  
14 and reporting periods thereafter  
15 to the mechanical licensing collec-  
16 tive, as required under this sub-  
17 section and applicable regula-  
18 tions.

19 “(v) SUSPENSION OF LATE FEES.—A  
20 digital music provider that complies with  
21 the requirements of this paragraph with  
22 respect to unmatched musical works (or  
23 shares of works) shall not be liable for or  
24 accrue late fees for late payments of royal-  
25 ties for such works until such time as the

1 digital music provider is required to begin  
2 paying monthly royalties to the copyright  
3 owner or the mechanical licensing collec-  
4 tive, as applicable.

5 “(C) ADJUSTED STATUTE OF LIMITA-  
6 TIONS.—Notwithstanding anything to the con-  
7 trary in section 507(b), with respect to any  
8 claim of infringement of the exclusive rights  
9 provided by paragraphs (1) and (3) of section  
10 106 against a digital music provider arising  
11 from the unauthorized reproduction or distribu-  
12 tion of a musical work by such digital music  
13 provider to engage in covered activities that ac-  
14 curred no more than 3 years prior to the license  
15 availability date, such action may be com-  
16 menced within 3 years of the date the claim ac-  
17 curred, or up to 2 years after the license avail-  
18 ability date, whichever is later.

19 “(D) OTHER RIGHTS AND REMEDIES PRE-  
20 SERVED.—Except as expressly provided in this  
21 paragraph, nothing in this paragraph shall be  
22 construed to alter, limit, or negate any right or  
23 remedy of a copyright owner with respect to un-  
24 authorized use of a musical work.

1           “(11) LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR LICENSING AC-  
2           TIVITIES.—

3           “(A) EXEMPTION FOR COMPULSORY LI-  
4           CENSE ACTIVITIES.—The antitrust exemption  
5           described in subsection (e)(1)(D) shall apply to  
6           negotiations and agreements between and  
7           among copyright owners and persons entitled to  
8           obtain a compulsory license for covered activi-  
9           ties, and common agents acting on behalf of  
10          such copyright owners or persons, including  
11          with respect to the administrative assessment  
12          established under this subsection.

13          “(B) LIMITATION ON COMMON AGENT EX-  
14          EMPTION.—Notwithstanding the antitrust ex-  
15          emption provided in subsection (e)(1)(D) and  
16          subparagraph (A) (except for the administrative  
17          assessment referenced therein and except as  
18          provided in paragraph (8)(C)), neither the me-  
19          chanical licensing collective nor the digital li-  
20          censee coordinator shall serve as a common  
21          agent with respect to the establishment of roy-  
22          alty rates or terms under this section.

23          “(C) ANTITRUST EXEMPTION FOR ADMIN-  
24          ISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES.—Notwithstanding any  
25          provision of the antitrust laws, copyright own-

1           ers and persons entitled to obtain a compulsory  
2           license under this section may designate the  
3           mechanical licensing collective to administer vol-  
4           untary licenses for the reproduction or distribu-  
5           tion of musical works in covered activities on  
6           behalf of such copyright owners and persons,  
7           but the following conditions apply:

8                   “(i) Each copyright owner shall estab-  
9                   lish the royalty rates and material terms of  
10                  any such voluntary license individually and  
11                  not in agreement, combination, or concert  
12                  with any other copyright owner.

13                  “(ii) Each person entitled to obtain a  
14                  compulsory license under this section shall  
15                  establish the royalty rates and material  
16                  terms of any such voluntary license indi-  
17                  vidually and not in agreement, combina-  
18                  tion, or concert with any other digital  
19                  music provider.

20                  “(iii) The mechanical licensing collec-  
21                  tive shall maintain the confidentiality of  
22                  the voluntary licenses in accordance with  
23                  the confidentiality provisions prescribed by  
24                  the Register of Copyrights under para-  
25                  graph (12)(C).

1           “(D) LIABILITY FOR GOOD-FAITH ACTIVITIES.—The mechanical licensing collective shall  
2           not be liable to any person or entity based on  
3           a claim arising from its good-faith administration of policies and procedures adopted and im-  
4           plemented to carry out the responsibilities described in subparagraphs (J) and (K) of para-  
5           graph (3), except to the extent of correcting an underpayment or overpayment of royalties as  
6           provided in paragraph (3)(L)(i)(VI), but the collective may participate in a legal proceeding  
7           as a stakeholder party if the collective is holding funds that are the subject of a dispute be-  
8           tween copyright owners. For purposes of this subparagraph, ‘good-faith administration’  
9           means administration in a manner that is not grossly negligent.  
10           

11           “(E) PREEMPTION OF STATE PROPERTY LAWS.—The holding and distribution of funds  
12           by the mechanical licensing collective in accordance with this subsection shall supersede and  
13           preempt any State law (including common law) concerning escheatment or abandoned property,  
14           or any analogous provision, that might otherwise apply.  
15

1           “(F) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except as  
2 expressly provided in this subsection, nothing in  
3 this subsection shall negate or limit the ability  
4 of any person to pursue an action in Federal  
5 court against the mechanical licensing collective  
6 or any other person based upon a claim arising  
7 under this title or other applicable law.

8           “(12) REGULATIONS.—

9           “(A) ADOPTION BY REGISTER OF COPY-  
10 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES.—  
11 The Register of Copyrights may conduct such  
12 proceedings and adopt such regulations as may  
13 be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the  
14 provisions of this subsection, except for regula-  
15 tions concerning proceedings before the Copy-  
16 right Royalty Judges to establish the adminis-  
17 trative assessment, which shall be adopted by  
18 the Copyright Royalty Judges.

19           “(B) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF REGULA-  
20 TIONS.—Except as provided in paragraph  
21 (7)(D)(vii), regulations adopted under this sub-  
22 section shall be subject to judicial review pursu-  
23 ant to chapter 7 of title 5.

24           “(C) PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL IN-  
25 FORMATION.—The Register of Copyrights shall

1 adopt regulations to provide for the appropriate  
2 procedures to ensure that confidential, private,  
3 proprietary, or privileged information contained  
4 in the records of the mechanical licensing collec-  
5 tive and digital licensee coordinator is not im-  
6 properly disclosed or used, including through  
7 any disclosure or use by the board of directors  
8 or personnel of either entity, and specifically in-  
9 cluding the unclaimed royalties oversight com-  
10 mittee and the dispute resolution committee of  
11 the mechanical licensing collective.

12 “(13) SAVINGS CLAUSES.—

13 “(A) LIMITATION ON ACTIVITIES AND  
14 RIGHTS COVERED.—This subsection applies  
15 solely to uses of musical works subject to licens-  
16 ing under this section. The blanket license shall  
17 not be construed to extend or apply to activities  
18 other than covered activities or to rights other  
19 than the exclusive rights of reproduction and  
20 distribution licensed under this section, or serve  
21 or act as the basis to extend or expand the  
22 compulsory license under this section to activi-  
23 ties and rights not covered by this section on  
24 the enactment date.



1           “(B) RIGHTS OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCE  
 2           NOT AFFECTED.—The rights, protections, and  
 3           immunities granted under this subsection, the  
 4           data concerning musical works collected and  
 5           made available under this subsection, and the  
 6           definitions described in subsection (e) shall not  
 7           extend to, limit, or otherwise affect any right of  
 8           public performance in a musical work.”; and

9           (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 10          section:

11          “(e) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

12           “(1) ACCRUED INTEREST.—The term ‘accrued  
 13           interest’ means interest accrued on accrued royalti-  
 14           ties, as described in subsection (d)(3)(H)(ii).

15           “(2) ACCRUED ROYALTIES.—The term ‘accrued  
 16           royalties’ means royalties accrued for the reproduc-  
 17           tion or distribution of a musical work (or share  
 18           thereof) in a covered activity, calculated in accord-  
 19           ance with the applicable royalty rate under this sec-  
 20           tion.

21           “(3) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT.—The term  
 22           ‘administrative assessment’ means the fee estab-  
 23           lished pursuant to subsection (d)(7)(D).

24           “(4) AUDIT.—The term ‘audit’ means a royalty  
 25           compliance examination to verify the accuracy of

1 royalty payments, or the conduct of such an exam-  
 2 ination, as applicable.

3 “(5) **BLANKET LICENSE.**—The term ‘blanket li-  
 4 cense’ means a compulsory license described in sub-  
 5 section (d)(1)(A) to engage in covered activities.

6 “(6) **COLLECTIVE TOTAL COSTS.**—The term  
 7 ‘collective total costs’—

8 “(A) means the total costs of establishing,  
 9 maintaining, and operating the mechanical li-  
 10 censing collective to fulfill its statutory func-  
 11 tions, including—

12 “(i) startup costs;

13 “(ii) financing, legal, and insurance  
 14 costs;

15 “(iii) investments in information tech-  
 16 nology, infrastructure, and other long-term  
 17 resources;

18 “(iv) outside vendor costs;

19 “(v) costs of licensing, royalty admin-  
 20 istration, and enforcement of rights;

21 “(vi) costs of bad debt; and

22 “(vii) costs of automated and manual  
 23 efforts to identify and locate copyright  
 24 owners of musical works (and shares of  
 25 such musical works) and match sound re-

1           cordings to the musical works the sound  
2           recordings embody; and

3           “(B) does not include any added costs in-  
4           curred by the mechanical licensing collective to  
5           provide services under voluntary licenses.

6           “(7) COVERED ACTIVITY.—The term ‘covered  
7           activity’ means the activity of making a digital pho-  
8           norecord delivery of a musical work, including in the  
9           form of a permanent download, limited download, or  
10          interactive stream; where such activity qualified for  
11          a compulsory license under this section.

12          “(8) DIGITAL MUSIC PROVIDER.—The term  
13          ‘digital music provider’ means a person (or persons  
14          operating under the authority of that person) that,  
15          with respect to a service engaged in covered activi-  
16          ties—

17                  “(A) has a direct contractual, subscription,  
18                  or other economic relationship with end users of  
19                  the service; or, if no such relationship with end  
20                  users exists, exercises direct control over the  
21                  provision of the service to end users;

22                  “(B) is able to fully report on any revenues  
23                  and consideration generated by the service; and

1           “(C) is able to fully report on usage of  
2           sound recordings of musical works by the serv-  
3           ice (or procure such reporting).

4           “(9) DIGITAL LICENSEE COORDINATOR.—The  
5           term ‘digital licensee coordinator’ means the entity  
6           most recently designated pursuant to subsection  
7           (d)(5).

8           “(10) DIGITAL PHONORECORD DELIVERY.—The  
9           term ‘digital phonorecord delivery’ means each indi-  
10          vidual delivery of a phonorecord by digital trans-  
11          mission of a sound recording that results in a spe-  
12          cifically identifiable reproduction by or for any  
13          transmission recipient of a phonorecord of that  
14          sound recording, regardless of whether the digital  
15          transmission is also a public performance of the  
16          sound recording or any musical work embodied  
17          therein, and includes a permanent download, a lim-  
18          ited download, or an interactive stream. A digital  
19          phonorecord delivery does not result from a real-  
20          time, noninteractive subscription transmission of a  
21          sound recording where no reproduction of the sound  
22          recording or the musical work embodied therein is  
23          made from the inception of the transmission through  
24          to its receipt by the transmission recipient in order  
25          to make the sound recording audible. A digital pho-

1       norecord delivery does not include the digital trans-  
2       mission of sounds accompanying a motion picture or  
3       other audiovisual work as defined in section 101 of  
4       this title.

5           “(11) ENACTMENT DATE.—The term ‘enact-  
6       ment date’ means the date of the enactment of the  
7       Musical Works Modernization Act.

8           “(12) INDIVIDUAL DOWNLOAD LICENSE.—The  
9       term ‘individual download license’ means a compul-  
10      sory license obtained by a record company to make  
11      and distribute, or authorize the making and distribu-  
12      tion of, permanent downloads embodying a specific  
13      individual musical work.

14          “(13) INTERACTIVE STREAM.—The term ‘inter-  
15      active stream’ means a digital transmission of a  
16      sound recording of a musical work in the form of a  
17      stream, where the performance of the sound record-  
18      ing by means of such transmission is not exempt  
19      under section 114(d)(1) and does not in itself, or as  
20      a result of a program in which it is included, qualify  
21      for statutory licensing under section 114(d)(2). An  
22      interactive stream is a digital phonorecord delivery.

23          “(14) INTERESTED.—The term ‘interested’, as  
24      applied to a party seeking to participate in a pro-  
25      ceeding under subsection (d)(7)(D), is a party as to

1 which the Copyright Royalty Judges have not deter-  
2 mined that the party lacks a significant interest in  
3 such proceeding.

4 “(15) LICENSE AVAILABILITY DATE.—The term  
5 ‘license availability date’ means the next January 1  
6 following the expiration of the 2-year period begin-  
7 ning on the enactment date.

8 “(16) LIMITED DOWNLOAD.—The term ‘limited  
9 download’ means a digital transmission of a sound  
10 recording of a musical work in the form of a  
11 download, where such sound recording is accessible  
12 for listening only for a limited amount of time or  
13 specified number of times.

14 “(17) MATCHED.—The term ‘matched’, as ap-  
15 plied to a musical work (or share thereof), means  
16 that the copyright owner of such work (or share  
17 thereof) has been identified and located.

18 “(18) MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE.—  
19 The term ‘mechanical licensing collective’ means the  
20 entity most recently designated as such by the Reg-  
21 ister of Copyrights under subsection (d)(3).

22 “(19) MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE  
23 BUDGET.—The term ‘mechanical licensing collective  
24 budget’ means a statement of the financial position  
25 of the mechanical licensing collective for a fiscal year

1 or quarter thereof based on estimates of expendi-  
2 tures during the period and proposals for financing  
3 them, including a calculation of the collective total  
4 costs.

5 “(20) MUSICAL WORKS DATABASE.—The term  
6 ‘musical works database’ means the database de-  
7 scribed in subsection (d)(3)(E).

8 “(21) NONPROFIT.—The term ‘nonprofit’  
9 means a nonprofit created or organized in a State.

10 “(22) NOTICE OF LICENSE.—The term ‘notice  
11 of license’ means a notice from a digital music pro-  
12 vider provided under subsection (d)(2)(A) for pur-  
13 poses of obtaining a blanket license.

14 “(23) NOTICE OF NONBLANKET ACTIVITY.—  
15 The term ‘notice of nonblanket activity’ means a no-  
16 tice from a significant nonblanket licensee provided  
17 under subsection (d)(6)(A) for purposes of notifying  
18 the mechanical licensing collective that the licensee  
19 has been engaging in covered activities.

20 “(24) PERMANENT DOWNLOAD.—The term  
21 ‘permanent download’ means a digital transmission  
22 of a sound recording of a musical work in the form  
23 of a download, where such sound recording is acces-  
24 sible for listening without restriction as to the

1 amount of time or number of times it may be  
2 accessed.

3 “(25) QUALIFIED AUDITOR.—The term ‘quali-  
4 fied auditor’ means an independent, certified public  
5 accountant with experience performing music royalty  
6 audits.

7 “(26) RECORD COMPANY.—The term ‘record  
8 company’ means an entity that invests in, produces,  
9 and markets sound recordings of musical works, and  
10 distributes such sound recordings for remuneration  
11 through multiple sales channels, including a cor-  
12 porate affiliate of such an entity engaged in distribu-  
13 tion of sound recordings.

14 “(27) REPORT OF USAGE.—The term ‘report of  
15 usage’ means a report reflecting an entity’s usage of  
16 musical works in covered activities described in sub-  
17 section (d)(4)(A).

18 “(28) REQUIRED MATCHING EFFORTS.—The  
19 term ‘required matching efforts’ means efforts to  
20 identify and locate copyright owners of musical  
21 works as described in subsection (d)(10)(B)(i).

22 “(29) SERVICE.—The term ‘service’, as used in  
23 relation to covered activities, means any site, facility,  
24 or offering by or through which sound recordings of



1 musical works are digitally transmitted to members  
2 of the public.

3 “(30) SHARE.—The term ‘share’, as applied to  
4 a musical work, means a fractional ownership inter-  
5 est in such work.

6 “(31) SIGNIFICANT NONBLANKET LICENSEE.—  
7 The term ‘significant nonblanket licensee’—

8 “(A) means an entity, including a group of  
9 entities under common ownership or control  
10 that, acting under the authority of one or more  
11 voluntary licenses or individual download li-  
12 censes, offers a service engaged in covered ac-  
13 tivities, and such entity or group of entities—

14 “(i) is not currently operating under a  
15 blanket license and is not obligated to pro-  
16 vide reports of usage reflecting covered ac-  
17 tivities under subsection (d)(4)(A);

18 “(ii) has a direct contractual, sub-  
19 scription, or other economic relationship  
20 with end users of the service or, if no such  
21 relationship with end users exists, exercises  
22 direct control over the provision of the  
23 service to end users; and

24 “(iii) either—

1           “(I) on any day in a calendar  
2           month, makes more than 5,000 dif-  
3           ferent sound recordings of musical  
4           works available through such service;  
5           or

6           “(II) derives revenue or other  
7           consideration in connection with such  
8           covered activities greater than  
9           \$50,000 in a calendar month; or total  
10          revenue or other consideration greater  
11          than \$500,000 during the preceding  
12          12 calendar months; and

13          “(B) does not include—

14               “(i) an entity whose covered activity  
15               consists solely of free-to-the-user streams  
16               of segments of sound recordings of musical  
17               works that do not exceed 90 seconds in  
18               length, are offered only to facilitate a li-  
19               censed use of musical works that is not a  
20               covered activity, and have no revenue di-  
21               rectly attributable to such streams consti-  
22               tuting the covered activity; or

23               “(ii) a ‘public broadcasting entity’ as  
24               defined in section 118(f).

1           “(32) SONGWRITER.—The term ‘songwriter’  
2 means the author of all or part of a musical work,  
3 including a composer or lyricist.

4           “(33) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each  
5 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
6 and each territory or possession of the United  
7 States.

8           “(34) UNCLAIMED ACCRUED ROYALTIES.—The  
9 term ‘unclaimed accrued royalties’ means accrued  
10 royalties eligible for distribution under subsection  
11 (d)(3)(J).

12           “(35) UNMATCHED.—The term ‘unmatched’, as  
13 applied to a musical work (or share thereof), means  
14 that the copyright owner of such work (or share  
15 thereof) has not been identified or located.

16           “(36) VOLUNTARY LICENSE.—The term ‘vol-  
17 untary license’ means a license for use of a musical  
18 work (or share thereof) other than a compulsory li-  
19 cense obtained under this section.”.

20           (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO  
21 SECTION 801.—Section 801(b) of title 17, United States  
22 Code, is amended—

23           (1) by redesignating paragraph (8) as para-  
24 graph (9); and

1           (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-  
2           lowing new paragraph:

3           “~~(8)~~ To determine the administrative assess-  
4           ment to be paid by digital music providers under  
5           section 115(d). The provisions of section 115(d)  
6           shall apply to the conduct of proceedings by the  
7           Copyright Royalty Judges under section 115(d) and  
8           not the procedures described in this section, or sec-  
9           tion 803, 804, or 805.”

10          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDED RATE SETTING  
11 STANDARD.—The amendments made by subsections  
12 (a)(3)(D) and (b)(1) shall apply to any proceeding before  
13 the Copyright Royalty Judges that is pending on, or com-  
14 menced on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

15          (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO  
16 TITLE 37, PART 385 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGU-  
17 LATIONS.—Within 9 months after the date of the enact-  
18 ment of this Act, the Copyright Royalty Judges shall  
19 amend the regulations for section 115 in part 385 of title  
20 37, Code of Federal Regulations to conform the definitions  
21 used in such part to the definitions of the same terms de-  
22 scribed in section 115(e) of title 17, United States Code,  
23 as amended by subsection (a). In so doing, the Copyright  
24 Royalty Judges shall make adjustments to the language  
25 of the regulations as necessary to achieve the same pur-

1 pose and effect as the original regulations with respect to  
2 the rates and terms previously adopted by the Copyright  
3 Royalty Judges.

4 **SEC. 103. AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 114.**

5 (a) UNIFORM RATE STANDARD.—Section 114(f) of  
6 title 17, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and in-  
8 serting the following:

9 “(1)(A) Proceedings under chapter 8 shall de-  
10 termine reasonable rates and terms of royalty pay-  
11 ments for transmissions subject to statutory licens-  
12 ing under subsection (d)(2) during the 5-year period  
13 beginning on January 1 of the second year following  
14 the year in which the proceedings are to be com-  
15 menced pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of sec-  
16 tion 804(b)(3), as the case may be, or such other pe-  
17 riod as the parties may agree. The parties to each  
18 proceeding shall bear their own costs.

19 “(B) The schedule of reasonable rates and  
20 terms determined by the Copyright Royalty Judges  
21 shall, subject to paragraph (2), be binding on all  
22 copyright owners of sound recordings and entities  
23 performing sound recordings affected by this para-  
24 graph during the 5-year period specified in subpara-  
25 graph (A), or such other period as the parties may

1 agree. Such rates and terms shall distinguish among  
2 the different types of services then in operation and  
3 shall include a minimum fee for each such type of  
4 service, such differences to be based on criteria in-  
5 cluding the quantity and nature of the use of sound  
6 recordings and the degree to which use of the service  
7 may substitute for or may promote the purchase of  
8 phonorecords by consumers. The Copyright Royalty  
9 Judges shall establish rates and terms that most  
10 clearly represent the rates and terms that would  
11 have been negotiated in the marketplace between a  
12 willing buyer and a willing seller. In determining  
13 such rates and terms, the Copyright Royalty  
14 Judges—

15 “(i) shall base their decision on economic,  
16 competitive, and programming information pre-  
17 sented by the parties, including—

18 “(I) whether use of the service may  
19 substitute for or may promote the sales of  
20 phonorecords or otherwise may interfere  
21 with or may enhance the sound recording  
22 copyright owner’s other streams of revenue  
23 from the copyright owner’s sound record-  
24 ings; and

1           “(H) the relative roles of the copy-  
2           right owner and the transmitting entity in  
3           the copyrighted work and the service made  
4           available to the public with respect to rel-  
5           ative creative contribution, technological  
6           contribution, capital investment, cost, and  
7           risk; and

8           “(ii) may consider the rates and terms for  
9           comparable types of audio transmission services  
10          and comparable circumstances under voluntary  
11          license agreements.

12          “(C) The procedures under subparagraphs (A)  
13          and (B) shall also be initiated pursuant to a petition  
14          filed by any sound recording copyright owner or any  
15          transmitting entity indicating that a new type of  
16          service on which sound recordings are performed is  
17          or is about to become operational, for the purpose  
18          of determining reasonable terms and rates of royalty  
19          payments with respect to such new type of service  
20          for the period beginning with the inception of such  
21          new type of service and ending on the date on which  
22          the royalty rates and terms for eligible nonsubscrip-  
23          tion services and new subscription services, or pre-  
24          existing services, as the case may be, most recently  
25          determined under subparagraph (A) or (B) and

1 chapter 8 expire, or such other period as the parties  
2 may agree.”; and

3 ~~(2) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and~~  
4 ~~(5) as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), respectively.~~

5 (b) REPEAL.—Subsection (i) of section 114 of title  
6 17, United States Code, is repealed.

7 (c) USE IN MUSICAL WORK PROCEEDINGS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—License fees payable for the  
9 public performance of sound recordings under sec-  
10 tion 106(6) of title 17, United States Code, shall not  
11 be taken into account in any administrative, judicial,  
12 or other governmental proceeding to set or adjust  
13 the royalties payable to musical work copyright own-  
14 ers for the public performance of their works except  
15 in such a proceeding to set or adjust royalties for  
16 the public performance of musical works by means  
17 of a digital audio transmission other than a trans-  
18 mission by a broadcaster, and may be taken into ac-  
19 count only with respect to such digital audio trans-  
20 mission.

21 ~~(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:~~

22 ~~(A) TRANSMISSION BY A BROADCASTER.—~~

23 A “transmission by a broadcaster” means a  
24 nonsubscription digital transmission made by a  
25 terrestrial broadcast station on its own behalf,



1 or on the behalf of a terrestrial broadcast sta-  
 2 tion under common ownership or control; that  
 3 is not part of an interactive service or a music-  
 4 intensive service comprising the transmission of  
 5 sound recordings customized for or  
 6 customizable by recipients or service users.

7 ~~(B) TERRESTRIAL BROADCAST STATION.—~~

8 A “terrestrial broadcast station” means a ter-  
 9 restrial, over-the-air radio or television broad-  
 10 east station, licensed as such by the Federal  
 11 Communications Commission, including an FM  
 12 Translator as defined in section 74.1231 of title  
 13 47, Code of Federal Regulations, and whose  
 14 primary business activities are comprised of,  
 15 and revenues are generated through, terrestrial,  
 16 over-the-air broadcast transmissions, or the si-  
 17 multaneous or substantially-simultaneous digital  
 18 retransmission by the terrestrial, over-the-air  
 19 broadcast station of its over-the-air broadcast  
 20 transmissions.

21 ~~(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—~~Subsection (e)(2)

22 shall not be given effect in interpreting provisions of title  
 23 17, United States Code.

24 ~~(e) USE IN SOUND RECORDING PROCEEDINGS.—~~The

25 repeal of section 114(i) of title 17, United States Code,

1 by subsection (b) shall not be taken into account in any  
 2 proceeding to set or adjust the rates and fees payable for  
 3 the use of sound recordings under section 112(e) or sec-  
 4 tion 114(f) of such title that is pending on, or commenced  
 5 on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (f) DECISIONS AND PRECEDENTS NOT AFFECTED.—

7 The repeal of section 114(i) of title 17, United States  
 8 Code, by subsection (b) shall not have any effect upon the  
 9 decisions, or the precedents established or relied upon, in  
 10 any proceeding to set or adjust the rates and fees payable  
 11 for the use of sound recordings under section 112(e) or  
 12 section 114(f) of such title before the date of the enact-  
 13 ment of this Act.

14 (g) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) SECTION 114.—Section 114(f) of title 17,  
 16 United States Code, as amended by subsection (a),  
 17 is further amended in paragraph (4)(C), as so reded-  
 18 icated, by striking “under paragraph (4)” and in-  
 19 serting “under paragraph (3)”.

20 (2) SECTION 801.—Section 801(b)(1) of title  
 21 17, United States Code, is amended by striking  
 22 “The rates applicable” and all that follows though  
 23 “prevailing industry practices.”.

24 (3) SECTION 804.—Section 804(b)(3)(C) of title  
 25 17, United States Code, is amended—

1 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and  
2 114(f)(2)(C)”;

3 (B) in clause (iii)(II), by striking  
4 “114(f)(4)(B)(ii)” and inserting  
5 “114(f)(3)(B)(ii)”; and

6 (C) in clause (iv), by striking “or  
7 114(f)(2)(C), as the case may be”.

8 **SEC. 104. RANDOM ASSIGNMENT OF RATE COURT PRO-**  
9 **CEEDINGS.**

10 Section 137 of title 28, United States Code, is  
11 amended—

12 (1) by striking “The business” and inserting  
13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The business”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
15 section:

16 “(b) RANDOM ASSIGNMENT OF RATE COURT PRO-  
17 CEEDINGS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

19 “(A) DETERMINATION OF LICENSE FEE.—

20 Except as provided in subparagraph (B), in the  
21 case of any performing rights society subject to  
22 a consent decree, any application for the deter-  
23 mination of a license fee for the public perform-  
24 ance of music in accordance with the applicable  
25 consent decree shall be made in the district

1 court with jurisdiction over that consent decree  
2 and randomly assigned to a judge of that dis-  
3 trict court according to that court's rules for  
4 the division of business among district judges  
5 currently in effect or as may be amended from  
6 time to time; provided that any such application  
7 shall not be assigned to—

8 “(i) a judge to whom continuing juris-  
9 diction over any performing rights society  
10 for any performing rights society consent  
11 decree is assigned or has previously been  
12 assigned; or

13 “(ii) a judge to whom another pro-  
14 ceeding concerning an application for the  
15 determination of a reasonable license fee is  
16 assigned at the time of the filing of the ap-  
17 plication.

18 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A)  
19 does not apply to an application to determine  
20 reasonable license fees made by individual pro-  
21 prietors under section 513 of title 17.

22 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
23 paragraph (1) shall modify the rights of any party  
24 to a consent decree or to a proceeding to determine  
25 reasonable license fees; to make an application for

1 the construction of any provision of the applicable  
2 consent decree. Such application shall be referred to  
3 the judge to whom continuing jurisdiction over the  
4 applicable consent decree is currently assigned. If  
5 any such application is made in connection with a  
6 rate proceeding, such rate proceeding shall be stayed  
7 until the final determination of the construction ap-  
8 plication. Disputes in connection with a rate pro-  
9 ceeding about whether a licensee is similarly situated  
10 to another licensee shall not be subject to referral to  
11 the judge with continuing jurisdiction over the appli-  
12 eable consent decree.”.

13 **TITLE II—COMPENSATING LEG-**  
14 **ACY ARTISTS FOR THEIR**  
15 **SONGS, SERVICE, AND IMPOR-**  
16 **TANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SO-**  
17 **CIETY**

18 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

19 This title may be cited as the “Compensating Legacy  
20 Artists for their Songs, Service, and Important Contribu-  
21 tions to Society Act” or the “CLASSICS Act”.

1 **SEC. 202. UNAUTHORIZED DIGITAL PERFORMANCE OF PRE-**  
 2 **1972 SOUND RECORDINGS.**

3 (a) PROTECTION FOR UNAUTHORIZED DIGITAL PER-  
 4 FORMANCES.—Title 17, United States Code, is amended  
 5 by adding at the end the following new chapter:

6 **“CHAPTER 14—UNAUTHORIZED DIGITAL**  
 7 **PERFORMANCE OF PRE-1972 SOUND**  
 8 **RECORDINGS**

“Sec.

“1401. Unauthorized digital performance of pre-1972 sound recordings.

9 **“§ 1401. Unauthorized digital performance of pre-**  
 10 **1972 sound recordings**

11 “(a) UNAUTHORIZED ACTS.—Anyone who, before  
 12 February 15, 2067, and without the consent of the rights  
 13 owner, performs publicly, by means of a digital audio  
 14 transmission, a sound recording fixed on or after January  
 15 1, 1923, and before February 15, 1972, shall be subject  
 16 to the remedies provided in sections 502 through 505 to  
 17 the same extent as an infringer of copyright.

18 “(b) CERTAIN AUTHORIZED TRANSMISSIONS.—A  
 19 digital audio transmission of a sound recording fixed on  
 20 or after January 1, 1923, and before February 15, 1972,  
 21 shall, for purposes of subsection (a), be considered to be  
 22 authorized and made with the consent of the rights owner  
 23 if—

1           “(1) the transmission is made by a transmitting  
2           entity that is publicly performing sound recordings  
3           fixed on or after February 15, 1972, by means of  
4           digital audio transmissions subject to section 114;

5           “(2) the transmission would satisfy the require-  
6           ments for statutory licensing under section  
7           114(d)(2), or would be exempt under section  
8           114(d)(1), if the sound recording were fixed on or  
9           after February 15, 1972;

10          “(3) in the case of a transmission that would  
11          not be exempt under section 114(d)(1) as described  
12          in paragraph (2), the transmitting entity pays statu-  
13          tory royalties and provides notice of its use of the  
14          relevant sound recordings in the same manner as is  
15          required by regulations adopted by the Copyright  
16          Royalty Judges for sound recordings fixed on or  
17          after February 15, 1972; and

18          “(4) in the case of a transmission that would  
19          not be exempt under section 114(d)(1) as described  
20          in paragraph (2), the transmitting entity otherwise  
21          satisfies the requirements for statutory licensing  
22          under section 114(f)(4)(B).

23          “(e) TRANSMISSIONS BY DIRECT LICENSING OF  
24          STATUTORY SERVICES.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A transmission of a sound  
2 recording fixed on or after January 1, 1923, and be-  
3 fore February 15, 1972, shall, for purposes of sub-  
4 section (a), be considered to be authorized and made  
5 with the consent of the rights owner if such trans-  
6 mission is included in a license agreement volun-  
7 tarily negotiated at any time between the rights  
8 owner and the entity performing the sound record-  
9 ing.

10           “(2) PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES TO NONPROFIT  
11 COLLECTIVE.—To the extent that such a license  
12 agreement entered into on or after the date of the  
13 enactment of this section extends to digital audio  
14 transmissions of a sound recording fixed on or after  
15 January 1, 1923, and before February 15, 1972,  
16 that meet the conditions of subsection (b), the li-  
17 censee shall pay, to the collective designated to dis-  
18 tribute receipts from the licensing of transmissions  
19 in accordance with section 114(f), 50 percent of the  
20 performance royalties for the transmissions due  
21 under the license, with such royalties fully credited  
22 as payments due under the license.

23           “(3) DISTRIBUTION OF ROYALTIES BY COLLEC-  
24 TIVE.—The collective described in paragraph (2)  
25 shall, in accordance with subparagraphs (B) through



1 (D) of section 114(g)(2), and paragraphs (5) and  
2 (6) of section 114(g), distribute the royalties re-  
3 ceived under paragraph (2) under the license de-  
4 scribed in paragraph (2). Such payments shall be  
5 the only payments to which featured and nonfea-  
6 tured artists are entitled by virtue of the trans-  
7 missions described in paragraph (2) under the li-  
8 cense.

9 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section  
10 does not prohibit any other license from directing  
11 the licensee to pay other royalties due to featured  
12 and nonfeatured artists for such transmissions to  
13 the collective designated to distribute receipts from  
14 the licensing of transmissions in accordance with  
15 section 114(f).

16 “(d) RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAW.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section  
18 shall be construed to annul or limit any rights or  
19 remedies under the common law or statutes of any  
20 State for sound recordings fixed before February 15,  
21 1972, except, notwithstanding section 301(e), for the  
22 following:

23 “(A) This section preempts any claim of  
24 common law copyright or equivalent right under  
25 the laws of any State arising from any digital

1 audio transmission that is made, on and after  
2 the date of the enactment of this section, of a  
3 sound recording fixed on or after January 1,  
4 1923, and before February 15, 1972.

5 “(B) This section preempts any claim of  
6 common law copyright or equivalent right under  
7 the laws of any State arising from any repro-  
8 duction that is made, on and after the date of  
9 the enactment of this section, of a sound re-  
10 cording fixed on or after January 1, 1923, and  
11 before February 15, 1972, and that would sat-  
12 isfy the requirements for statutory licensing  
13 under paragraphs (1) and (6) of section 112(e),  
14 if the sound recording were fixed on or after  
15 February 15, 1972.

16 “(C) This section preempts any claim of  
17 common law copyright or equivalent right under  
18 the laws of any State arising from any digital  
19 audio transmission or reproduction that is  
20 made, before the date of the enactment of this  
21 section, of a sound recording fixed on or after  
22 January 1, 1923, and before February 15,  
23 1972, if—

24 “(i) the digital audio transmission  
25 would have satisfied the requirements for

1 statutory licensing under section 114(d)(2)  
2 or been exempt under section 114(d)(1), or  
3 the reproduction would have satisfied the  
4 requirements of section 112(e)(1), as the  
5 case may be, if the sound recording were  
6 fixed on or after February 15, 1972; and

7 “(ii) except in the case of trans-  
8 missions that would have been exempt  
9 under section 114(d)(1), the transmitting  
10 entity, before the end of the 270-day pe-  
11 riod beginning on the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this section, pays statutory royal-  
13 ties and provides notice of the use of the  
14 relevant sound recordings in the same  
15 manner as is required by regulations  
16 adopted by the Copyright Royalty Judges  
17 for sound recordings that are protected  
18 under this title for all the digital audio  
19 transmissions and reproductions satisfying  
20 the requirements for statutory licensing  
21 under section 114(d)(2) and section  
22 112(e)(1) during the 3 years prior to the  
23 date of the enactment of this section.

24 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR COMMON  
25 LAW COPYRIGHT.—For purposes of subparagraphs

1 (A) through (C) of paragraph (1), a claim of com-  
 2 mon law copyright or equivalent right under the  
 3 laws of any State includes a claim that characterizes  
 4 conduct subject to such subparagraphs as an unlaw-  
 5 ful distribution, act of record piracy, or similar viola-  
 6 tion.

7 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC  
 8 PERFORMANCE RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section  
 9 shall be construed to recognize or negate the exist-  
 10 ence of public performance rights in sound record-  
 11 ings under the laws of any State.

12 “(e) LIMITATIONS ON REMEDIES.—

13 “(1) FAIR USE; USES BY LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES,  
 14 AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—The limitations  
 15 on the exclusive rights of a copyright owner de-  
 16 scribed in sections 107, 108, and 110(1) and (2)  
 17 shall apply to a claim under subsection (a) for the  
 18 unauthorized performance of a sound recording fixed  
 19 on or after January 1, 1923, and before February  
 20 15, 1972.

21 “(2) ACTIONS.—The limitations on actions de-  
 22 scribed in section 507 shall apply to a claim under  
 23 subsection (a) for the unauthorized performance of  
 24 a sound recording fixed on or after January 1, 1923,  
 25 and before February 15, 1972.

1           “(3) MATERIAL ONLINE.—Section 512 shall  
2 apply to a claim under subsection (a) for the unau-  
3 thorized performance of a sound recording fixed on  
4 or after January 1, 1923, and before February 15,  
5 1972.

6           “(4) PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY.—Principles of eq-  
7 uity apply to remedies for a violation of this section  
8 to the same extent as such principles apply to rem-  
9 edies for infringement of copyright.

10           “(5) FILING REQUIREMENT FOR STATUTORY  
11 DAMAGES AND ATTORNEYS’ FEES.—

12           “(A) FILING OF INFORMATION ON SOUND  
13 RECORDINGS.—

14           “(i) FILING REQUIREMENT.—Except  
15 in the case of a transmitting entity that  
16 has filed contact information for that  
17 transmitting entity under subparagraph  
18 (B), in any action under this section, an  
19 award of statutory damages or of attor-  
20 neys’ fees under section 504 or 505 may  
21 be made with respect to an unauthorized  
22 transmission of a sound recording under  
23 subsection (a) only if—

24           “(I) the rights owner has filed  
25 with the Copyright Office a schedule

1 that specifies the title, artist, and  
2 rights owner of the sound recording  
3 and contains such other information,  
4 as practicable, as the Register of  
5 Copyrights prescribes by regulation;  
6 and

7 “(H) the transmission is made  
8 after the end of the 90-day period be-  
9 ginning on the date on which the in-  
10 formation filed under subclause (I) is  
11 indexed into the public records of the  
12 Copyright Office.

13 “(ii) REGULATIONS.—The Register of  
14 Copyrights shall, before the end of the  
15 180-day period beginning on the date of  
16 the enactment of this section, issue regula-  
17 tions establishing the form, content, and  
18 procedures for the filing of schedules under  
19 clause (i). Such regulations shall provide  
20 that persons may request that they receive  
21 timely notification of such filings, and shall  
22 set forth the manner in which such re-  
23 quests may be made.

24 “(B) FILING OF CONTACT INFORMATION  
25 FOR TRANSMITTING ENTITIES.—

1           “(i) FILING REQUIREMENT.—The  
2 Register of Copyrights shall, before the  
3 end of the 30-day period beginning on the  
4 date of the enactment of this section, issue  
5 regulations establishing the form, content,  
6 and procedures for the filing, by any entity  
7 that, as of the date of the enactment of  
8 this section, performs sound recordings  
9 fixed before February 15, 1972, by means  
10 of digital audio transmissions, of contact  
11 information for such entity.

12           “(ii) TIME LIMIT ON FILINGS.—The  
13 Register of Copyrights may accept filings  
14 under clause (i) only until the 180th day  
15 after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
16 tion.

17           “(iii) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY  
18 DAMAGES AND ATTORNEYS’ FEES.—

19           “(I) LIMITATION.—An award of  
20 statutory damages or of attorneys’  
21 fees under section 504 or 505 may  
22 not be made, against an entity that  
23 has filed contact information for that  
24 entity under clause (i), with respect to  
25 an unauthorized transmission by that

1 entity of a sound recording under sub-  
2 section (a) if the transmission is made  
3 before the end of the 90-day period  
4 beginning on the date on which the  
5 entity receives a notice that—

6 “(aa) is sent by or on behalf  
7 of the rights owner of the sound  
8 recording;

9 “(bb) states that the entity  
10 is not legally authorized to trans-  
11 mit that sound recording under  
12 subsection (a); and

13 “(cc) identifies the sound re-  
14 cording in a schedule conforming  
15 to the requirements prescribed by  
16 the regulations issued under sub-  
17 paragraph (A)(ii).

18 “(H) UNDELIVERABLE NO-  
19 TICES.—In any case in which a notice  
20 under subclause (I) is sent to an enti-  
21 ty by mail or courier service and the  
22 notice is returned to the sender be-  
23 cause the entity either is no longer lo-  
24 cated at the address provided in the  
25 contact information filed under clause



1 (i) or has refused to accept delivery,  
2 or the notice is sent by electronic mail  
3 and is undeliverable, the 90-day pe-  
4 riod under subclause (I) shall begin  
5 on the date of the attempted delivery.

6 “(C) SECTION 412.—Section 412 shall not  
7 limit an award of statutory damages under sec-  
8 tion 504(e) or attorneys’ fees under section 505  
9 with respect to an unauthorized transmission of  
10 a sound recording under subsection (a).

11 “(6) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
13 graph (B), no provision of this title shall apply  
14 to or limit the remedies available under this  
15 section except as otherwise provided in this sec-  
16 tion.

17 “(B) APPLICABILITY OF DEFINITIONS.—

18 Any term used in this section that is defined in  
19 section 101 shall have the meaning given that  
20 term in section 101.

21 “(f) APPLICATION OF SECTION 230 SAFE HAR-

22 BOR.—For purposes of section 230 of the Communica-  
23 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230), subsection (a) shall  
24 be considered to be a ‘law pertaining to intellectual prop-  
25 erty’ under subsection (e)(2) of such section.

1       “(g) RIGHTS OWNER DEFINED.—In this section, the  
2 term ‘rights owner’ means the person who has the exclu-  
3 sive right to reproduce a sound recording under the laws  
4 of any State.”.

5       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of chap-  
6 ters for title 17, United States Code, is amended by add-  
7 ing at the end the following new chapter:

“14. Unauthorized digital performance of pre-1972 sound recordings ... 1401”.

8 **SEC. 203. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9       This title and the amendments made by this title  
10 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

11       **TITLE III—ALLOCATION FOR**  
12       **MUSIC PRODUCERS**

13 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

14       This title may be cited as the “Allocation for Music  
15 Producers Act” or the “AMP Act”.

16 **SEC. 302. PAYMENT OF STATUTORY PERFORMANCE ROYAL-**  
17       **TIES.**

18       (a) LETTER OF DIRECTION.—Section 114(g) of title  
19 17, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
20 the following new paragraph:

21               “(5) LETTER OF DIRECTION.—

22                       “(A) IN GENERAL.—A nonprofit collective  
23                       designated by the Copyright Royalty Judges to  
24                       distribute receipts from the licensing of trans-  
25                       missions in accordance with subsection (f) shall

1 adopt and reasonably implement a policy that  
2 provides, in circumstances determined by the  
3 collective to be appropriate, for acceptance of  
4 instructions from an artist payee identified  
5 under subparagraph (A) or (D) of paragraph  
6 (2) to distribute, to a producer, mixer, or sound  
7 engineer who was part of the creative process  
8 that created a sound recording, a portion of the  
9 payments to which the artist payee would other-  
10 wise be entitled from the licensing of trans-  
11 missions of the sound recording. In this section,  
12 such instructions shall be referred to as a 'letter  
13 of direction'.

14 “(B) ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER.—To the  
15 extent that the collective accepts a letter of di-  
16 rection under subparagraph (A), the person en-  
17 titled to payment pursuant to the letter of di-  
18 rection shall, during the period in which the let-  
19 ter of direction is in effect and carried out by  
20 the collective, be treated for all purposes as the  
21 owner of the right to receive such payment, and  
22 the artist payee providing the letter of direction  
23 to the collective shall be treated as having no  
24 interest in such payment.

1           “(C) AUTHORITY OF COLLECTIVE.—This  
 2 paragraph shall not be construed in such a  
 3 manner so that the collective is not authorized  
 4 to accept or act upon payment instructions in  
 5 circumstances other than those to which this  
 6 paragraph applies.”.

7           (b) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR RECORDINGS  
 8 FIXED BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1995.—Section 114(g) of  
 9 title 17, United States Code, as amended by subsection  
 10 (a), is further amended by adding at the end the following  
 11 new paragraph:

12           “(6) SOUND RECORDINGS FIXED BEFORE NO-  
 13 VEMBER 1, 1995.—

14           “(A) PAYMENT ABSENT LETTER OF DI-  
 15 RECTION.—A nonprofit collective designated by  
 16 the Copyright Royalty Judges to distribute re-  
 17 cepts from the licensing of transmissions in ac-  
 18 cordance with subsection (f) (in this paragraph  
 19 referred to as the ‘collective’) shall adopt and  
 20 reasonably implement a policy that provides, in  
 21 circumstances determined by the collective to be  
 22 appropriate, for the deduction of 2 percent of  
 23 all the receipts that are collected from the li-  
 24 censing of transmissions of a sound recording  
 25 fixed before November 1, 1995, but which is

1 withdrawn from the amount otherwise payable  
2 under paragraph (2)(D) to the recording artist  
3 or artists featured on the sound recording (or  
4 the persons conveying rights in the artists' per-  
5 formance in the sound recording), and the dis-  
6 tribution of such amount to one or more per-  
7 sons described in subparagraph (B), after de-  
8 duction of costs described in paragraph (3) or  
9 (4), as applicable, if each of the following re-  
10 quirements is met:

11 “(i) CERTIFICATION OF ATTEMPT TO  
12 OBTAIN A LETTER OF DIRECTION.—The  
13 person described in subparagraph (B) who  
14 is to receive the distribution has certified  
15 to the collective, under penalty of perjury,  
16 that—

17 “(I) for a period of at least 4  
18 months, that person made reasonable  
19 efforts to contact the artist payee for  
20 such sound recording to request and  
21 obtain a letter of direction instructing  
22 the collective to pay to that person a  
23 portion of the royalties payable to the  
24 featured recording artist or artists;  
25 and

1           “(H) during the period beginning  
2           on the date that person began the rea-  
3           sonable efforts described in subclause  
4           (I) and ending on the date of that  
5           person’s certification to the collective;  
6           the artist payee did not affirm or  
7           deny in writing the request for a let-  
8           ter of direction.

9           “(ii) COLLECTIVE ATTEMPT TO CON-  
10          TACT ARTIST.—After receipt of the certifi-  
11          cation described in clause (i) and for a pe-  
12          riod of at least 4 months before the collec-  
13          tive’s first distribution to the person de-  
14          scribed in subparagraph (B), the collective  
15          attempted, in a reasonable manner as de-  
16          termined by the collective, to notify the  
17          artist payee of the certification made by  
18          the person described in subparagraph (B).

19          “(iii) NO OBJECTION RECEIVED.—The  
20          artist payee did not, as of the date that is  
21          10 business days before the date on which  
22          the first distribution is made, submit to  
23          the collective in writing an objection to the  
24          distribution.

1           “(B) ELIGIBILITY FOR PAYMENT.—A per-  
2           son shall be eligible for payment under subpara-  
3           graph (A) if the person—

4                   “(i) is a producer, mixer, or sound en-  
5                   gineer of the sound recording;

6                   “(ii) has entered into a written con-  
7                   tract with a record company involved in  
8                   the creation or lawful exploitation of the  
9                   sound recording, or with the recording art-  
10                  ist or artists featured on the sound record-  
11                  ing (or the persons conveying rights in the  
12                  artists’ performance in the sound record-  
13                  ing), under which the person seeking pay-  
14                  ment is entitled to participate in royalty  
15                  payments that are based on the exploi-  
16                  tation of the sound recording and are pay-  
17                  able from royalties otherwise payable to  
18                  the recording artist or artists featured on  
19                  the sound recording (or the persons con-  
20                  veying rights in the artists’ performance in  
21                  the sound recording);

22                  “(iii) made a creative contribution to  
23                  the creation of the sound recording; and

24                  “(iv) submits a written certification to  
25                  the collective stating, under penalty of per-

1           jury, that the person meets the require-  
2           ments in clauses (i) through (iii) and in-  
3           cludes a true copy of the contract de-  
4           scribed in clause (ii).

5           “(C) MULTIPLE CERTIFICATIONS.—Sub-  
6           ject to subparagraph (D), in a case in which  
7           more than one person described in subpara-  
8           graph (B) has met the requirements for a dis-  
9           tribution under subparagraph (A) with respect  
10          to a sound recording as of the date that is 10  
11          business days before the date on which a dis-  
12          tribution is made, the collective shall divide the  
13          2 percent distribution equally among all such  
14          persons.

15          “(D) OBJECTION TO PAYMENT.—Not later  
16          than 10 business days after the date on which  
17          the collective receives from the artist payee a  
18          written objection to a distribution made pursu-  
19          ant to subparagraph (A), the collective shall  
20          cease making any further payment relating to  
21          such distribution. In any case in which the col-  
22          lective has made one or more distributions pur-  
23          suant to subparagraph (A) to a person de-  
24          scribed in subparagraph (B) before the date  
25          that is 10 business days after the date on which



1 the collective receives from the artist payee an  
2 objection to such distribution, the objection  
3 shall not affect that person's entitlement to any  
4 distribution made before the collective ceases  
5 such distribution under this subparagraph.

6 ~~“(E) OWNERSHIP OF THE RIGHT TO RE-~~  
7 ~~CEIVE PAYMENTS.—~~To the extent that the col-  
8 lective determines that a distribution will be  
9 made under subparagraph (A) to a person de-  
10 scribed in subparagraph (B), such person shall,  
11 during the period covered by such distribution,  
12 be treated for all purposes as the owner of the  
13 right to receive such payments, and the artist  
14 payee to whom such payments would otherwise  
15 be payable shall be treated as having no inter-  
16 est in such payments.

17 ~~“(F) ARTIST PAYEE DEFINED.—~~In this  
18 paragraph, the term ‘artist payee’ means a per-  
19 son, other than a person described in subpara-  
20 graph (B), who owns the right to receive all or  
21 part of the receipts payable under paragraph  
22 ~~(2)(D)~~ with respect to a sound recording. In a  
23 case in which there are multiple artist payees  
24 with respect to a sound recording, an objection  
25 by one such payee shall apply only to that pay-

1 ee's share of the receipts payable under para-  
 2 graph (2)(D), and does not preclude payment  
 3 under subparagraph (A) from the share of an  
 4 artist payee that does not so object.”.

5 (e) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—  
 6 Section 114(g) of title 17, United States Code, as amend-  
 7 ed by subsections (a) and (b), is further amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “An agent  
 9 designated” and inserting “Except as provided for in  
 10 paragraph (6), a nonprofit collective designated by  
 11 the Copyright Royalty Judges”;

12 (2) in paragraph (3)—

13 (A) by striking “nonprofit agent des-  
 14 ignated” and inserting “nonprofit collective des-  
 15 ignated by the Copyright Royalty Judges”;

16 (B) by striking “another designated agent”  
 17 and inserting “another designated nonprofit col-  
 18 lective”; and

19 (C) by striking “agent” and inserting “col-  
 20 lective” each subsequent place it appears;

21 (3) in paragraph (4)—

22 (A) by striking “designated agent” and in-  
 23 serting “nonprofit collective”; and

24 (B) by striking “agent” and inserting “col-  
 25 lective” each subsequent place it appears; and

1           (4) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3           “(7) **PREEMPTION OF STATE PROPERTY**  
4 **LAWS.**—The holding and distribution of receipts  
5 under section 112 and this section by a nonprofit  
6 collective designated by the Copyright Royalty  
7 Judges in accordance with this subsection and regu-  
8 lations adopted by the Copyright Royalty Judges  
9 shall supersede and preempt any State law (includ-  
10 ing common law) concerning escheatment or aban-  
11 doned property, or any analogous provision, that  
12 might otherwise apply.”.

13 **SEC. 303. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subsection  
15 (b), this title and the amendments made by this title shall  
16 take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

17       (b) **DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The effective date  
18 for paragraphs (5)(B) and (6)(E) of section 114(g) of title  
19 17, United States Code, as added by section 302, shall  
20 be January 1, 2020.

21 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

22       (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—*This Act may be cited as the*  
23 *“Music Modernization Act”.*

24       (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—*The table of contents for*  
25 *this Act is as follows:*

*Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.*

*TITLE I—MUSIC LICENSING MODERNIZATION*

- Sec. 101. Short title.*  
*Sec. 102. Blanket license for digital uses and mechanical licensing collective.*  
*Sec. 103. Amendments to section 114.*  
*Sec. 104. Random assignment of rate court proceedings.*  
*Sec. 105. Performing rights society consent decrees.*  
*Sec. 106. Effective date.*

*TITLE II—COMPENSATING LEGACY ARTISTS FOR THEIR SONGS, SERVICE, AND IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY*

- Sec. 201. Short title.*  
*Sec. 202. Unauthorized digital performance of pre-1972 sound recordings.*  
*Sec. 203. Effective date.*

*TITLE III—ALLOCATION FOR MUSIC PRODUCERS*

- Sec. 301. Short title.*  
*Sec. 302. Payment of statutory performance royalties.*  
*Sec. 303. Effective date.*

1           **TITLE I—MUSIC LICENSING**  
 2                           **MODERNIZATION**

3   **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

4           *This title may be cited as the “Musical Works Mod-*  
 5 *ernization Act”.*

6   **SEC. 102. BLANKET LICENSE FOR DIGITAL USES AND ME-**  
 7                           **CHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE.**

8           *(a) AMENDMENT.—Section 115 of title 17, United*  
 9 *States Code, is amended—*

10                   *(1) in subsection (a)—*

11                           *(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting*  
 12                   *“IN GENERAL” after “AVAILABILITY AND SCOPE*  
 13                   *OF COMPULSORY LICENSE”;*

14                           *(B) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting*  
 15                   *the following new paragraph:*

16                   *“(1) ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPULSORY LICENSE.—*

1           “(A) *CONDITIONS FOR COMPULSORY LI-*  
2           *CENSE.—A person may by complying with the*  
3           *provisions of this section obtain a compulsory li-*  
4           *cence to make and distribute phonorecords of a*  
5           *nondramatic musical work, including by means*  
6           *of digital phonorecord delivery. A person may*  
7           *obtain a compulsory license only if the primary*  
8           *purpose in making phonorecords of the musical*  
9           *work is to distribute them to the public for pri-*  
10           *vate use, including by means of digital phono-*  
11           *record delivery, and—*

12                   “(i) *phonorecords of such musical work*  
13                   *have previously been distributed to the pub-*  
14                   *lic in the United States under the authority*  
15                   *of the copyright owner of the work, includ-*  
16                   *ing by means of digital phonorecord deliv-*  
17                   *ery; or*

18                   “(ii) *in the case of a digital music pro-*  
19                   *vider seeking to make and distribute digital*  
20                   *phonorecord deliveries of a sound recording*  
21                   *embodying a musical work under a compul-*  
22                   *sory license for which clause (i) does not*  
23                   *apply—*

24                           “(I) *the first fixation of such*  
25                           *sound recording was made under the*

1 *authority of the musical work copy-*  
2 *right owner, and the sound recording*  
3 *copyright owner has the authority of*  
4 *the musical work copyright owner to*  
5 *make and distribute digital phono-*  
6 *record deliveries embodying such work*  
7 *to the public in the United States; and*

8 *“(II) the sound recording copy-*  
9 *right owner, or the authorized dis-*  
10 *tributor of the sound recording copy-*  
11 *right owner, has authorized the digital*  
12 *music provider to make and distribute*  
13 *digital phonorecord deliveries of the*  
14 *sound recording to the public in the*  
15 *United States.*

16 *“(B) DUPLICATION OF SOUND RECORD-*  
17 *ING.—A person may not obtain a compulsory li-*  
18 *cence for the use of the work in the making of*  
19 *phonorecords duplicating a sound recording fixed*  
20 *by another, including by means of digital phono-*  
21 *record delivery, unless—*

22 *“(i) such sound recording was fixed*  
23 *lawfully; and*

24 *“(ii) the making of the phonorecords*  
25 *was authorized by the owner of the copy-*

1           *right in the sound recording or, if the sound*  
 2           *recording was fixed before February 15,*  
 3           *1972, by any person who fixed the sound re-*  
 4           *recording pursuant to an express license from*  
 5           *the owner of the copyright in the musical*  
 6           *work or pursuant to a valid compulsory li-*  
 7           *cence for use of such work in a sound re-*  
 8           *recording.”; and*

9           *(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “A com-*  
 10          *pulsory license” and inserting “MUSICAL AR-*  
 11          *RANGEMENT.—A compulsory license”;*

12          *(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the*  
 13          *following:*

14          *“(b) PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN A COMPULSORY LI-*  
 15          *CENSE.—*

16                 *“(1) PHONORECORDS OTHER THAN DIGITAL*  
 17                 *PHONORECORD DELIVERIES.—A person who seeks to*  
 18                 *obtain a compulsory license under subsection (a) to*  
 19                 *make and distribute phonorecords of a musical work*  
 20                 *other than by means of digital phonorecord delivery*  
 21                 *shall, before, or not later than 30 calendar days after,*  
 22                 *making, and before distributing, any phonorecord of*  
 23                 *the work, serve notice of intention to do so on the*  
 24                 *copyright owner. If the registration or other public*  
 25                 *records of the Copyright Office do not identify the*

1 *copyright owner and include an address at which no-*  
2 *tice can be served, it shall be sufficient to file the no-*  
3 *tice of intention with the Copyright Office. The notice*  
4 *shall comply, in form, content, and manner of service,*  
5 *with requirements that the Register of Copyrights*  
6 *shall prescribe by regulation.*

7 “(2) *DIGITAL PHONORECORD DELIVERIES.—A*  
8 *person who seeks to obtain a compulsory license under*  
9 *subsection (a) to make and distribute phonorecords of*  
10 *a musical work by means of digital phonorecord de-*  
11 *livery—*

12 “(A) *prior to the license availability date,*  
13 *shall, before, or not later than 30 calendar days*  
14 *after, first making any such digital phonorecord*  
15 *delivery, serve a notice of intention to do so on*  
16 *the copyright owner (but may not file the notice*  
17 *with the Copyright Office, even if the public*  
18 *records of the Office do not identify the owner or*  
19 *the owner’s address), and such notice shall com-*  
20 *ply, in form, content, and manner of service,*  
21 *with requirements that the Register of Copy-*  
22 *rights shall prescribe by regulation; or*

23 “(B) *on or after the license availability*  
24 *date, shall, before making any such digital pho-*  
25 *norecord delivery, follow the procedure described*



1           *in subsection (d)(2), except as provided in para-*  
2           *graph (3).*

3           “(3) *RECORD COMPANY INDIVIDUAL DOWNLOAD*  
4           *LICENSES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2)(B), a*  
5           *record company may, on or after the license avail-*  
6           *ability date, obtain an individual download license in*  
7           *accordance with the notice requirements described in*  
8           *paragraph (2)(A) (except for the requirement that no-*  
9           *tice occur prior to the license availability date). A*  
10          *record company that obtains an individual download*  
11          *license as permitted under this paragraph shall pro-*  
12          *vide statements of account and pay royalties as pro-*  
13          *vided in subsection (c)(2)(I).*

14          “(4) *FAILURE TO OBTAIN LICENSE.—*

15                 “(A) *PHONORECORDS OTHER THAN DIGITAL*  
16                 *PHONORECORD DELIVERIES.—In the case of*  
17                 *phonorecords made and distributed other than by*  
18                 *means of digital phonorecord delivery, the failure*  
19                 *to serve or file the notice of intention required by*  
20                 *paragraph (1) forecloses the possibility of a com-*  
21                 *pulsory license under paragraph (1). In the ab-*  
22                 *sence of a voluntary license, the failure to obtain*  
23                 *a compulsory license renders the making and*  
24                 *distribution of phonorecords actionable as acts of*  
25                 *infringement under section 501 and subject to*

1           *the remedies provided by sections 502 through*  
2           *506.*

3                   “(B)   *DIGITAL    PHONORECORD    DELIV-*  
4           *ERIES.—*

5                           “(i)   *IN GENERAL.—In the case of*  
6                           *phonorecords made and distributed by*  
7                           *means of digital phonorecord delivery:*

8                                   “(I)   *The failure to serve the notice*  
9                                   *of intention required by paragraph*  
10                                   *(2)(A) or paragraph (3), as applicable,*  
11                                   *forecloses the possibility of a compul-*  
12                                   *sory license under such paragraph.*

13                                   “(II)   *The failure to comply with*  
14                                   *paragraph (2)(B) forecloses the possi-*  
15                                   *bility of a blanket license for a period*  
16                                   *of 3 years after the last calendar day*  
17                                   *on which the notice of license was re-*  
18                                   *quired to be submitted to the mechan-*  
19                                   *ical licensing collective under such*  
20                                   *paragraph.*

21                                   “(ii)   *EFFECT OF FAILURE.—In either*  
22                                   *case described in subclause (I) or (II) of*  
23                                   *clause (i), in the absence of a voluntary li-*  
24                                   *cence, the failure to obtain a compulsory li-*  
25                                   *cence renders the making and distribution*

1           *of phonorecords by means of digital phono-*  
 2           *record delivery actionable as acts of in-*  
 3           *fringement under section 501 and subject to*  
 4           *the remedies provided by sections 502*  
 5           *through 506.”;*

6           (3) *by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-*  
 7           *lows:*

8           “(c) *GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO COMPUL-*  
 9           *SORY LICENSE.—*

10           “(1) *ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER COMPULSORY LI-*  
 11           *CENSE.—*

12           “(A) *IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—To*  
 13           *be entitled to receive royalties under a compul-*  
 14           *sory license obtained under subsection (b)(1) the*  
 15           *copyright owner must be identified in the reg-*  
 16           *istration or other public records of the Copyright*  
 17           *Office. The owner is entitled to royalties for*  
 18           *phonorecords made and distributed after being so*  
 19           *identified, but is not entitled to recover for any*  
 20           *phonorecords previously made and distributed.*

21           “(B) *ROYALTY FOR PHONORECORDS OTHER*  
 22           *THAN DIGITAL PHONORECORD DELIVERIES.—Ex-*  
 23           *cept as provided by subparagraph (A), for every*  
 24           *phonorecord made and distributed under a com-*  
 25           *pulsory license under subsection (a) other than*

1           *by means of digital phonorecord delivery, with*  
2           *respect to each work embodied in the phono-*  
3           *record, the royalty shall be the royalty prescribed*  
4           *under subparagraphs (D) through (F), para-*  
5           *graph (2)(A), and chapter 8. For purposes of*  
6           *this subparagraph, a phonorecord is considered*  
7           *‘distributed’ if the person exercising the compul-*  
8           *sory license has voluntarily and permanently*  
9           *parted with its possession.*

10           “(C) *ROYALTY FOR DIGITAL PHONORECORD*  
11           *DELIVERIES.—For every digital phonorecord de-*  
12           *livery of a musical work made under a compul-*  
13           *sory license under this section, the royalty pay-*  
14           *able shall be the royalty prescribed under sub-*  
15           *paragraphs (D) through (F), paragraph (2)(A),*  
16           *and chapter 8.*

17           “(D) *AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE.—Notwith-*  
18           *standing any provision of the antitrust laws,*  
19           *any copyright owners of nondramatic musical*  
20           *works and any persons entitled to obtain a com-*  
21           *pulsory license under subsection (a) may nego-*  
22           *tiate and agree upon the terms and rates of roy-*  
23           *alty payments under this section and the propor-*  
24           *tionate division of fees paid among copyright*  
25           *owners, and may designate common agents on a*

1           *nonexclusive basis to negotiate, agree to, pay or*  
2           *receive such royalty payments. Such authority to*  
3           *negotiate the terms and rates of royalty pay-*  
4           *ments includes, but is not limited to, the author-*  
5           *ity to negotiate the year during which the roy-*  
6           *alty rates prescribed under this subparagraph,*  
7           *subparagraphs (E) and (F), paragraph (2)(A),*  
8           *and chapter 8 shall next be determined.*

9           “(E) *DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE*  
10           *RATES AND TERMS.—Proceedings under chapter*  
11           *8 shall determine reasonable rates and terms of*  
12           *royalty payments for the activities specified by*  
13           *this section during the period beginning with the*  
14           *effective date of such rates and terms, but not*  
15           *earlier than January 1 of the second year fol-*  
16           *lowing the year in which the petition requesting*  
17           *the proceeding is filed, and ending on the effec-*  
18           *tive date of successor rates and terms, or such*  
19           *other period as the parties may agree. Any copy-*  
20           *right owners of nondramatic musical works and*  
21           *any persons entitled to obtain a compulsory li-*  
22           *cence under subsection (a) may submit to the*  
23           *Copyright Royalty Judges licenses covering such*  
24           *activities. The parties to each proceeding shall*  
25           *bear their own costs.*

1           “(F) *SCHEDULE OF REASONABLE RATES.*—

2           *The schedule of reasonable rates and terms deter-*  
3           *mined by the Copyright Royalty Judges shall,*  
4           *subject to paragraph (2)(A), be binding on all*  
5           *copyright owners of nondramatic musical works*  
6           *and persons entitled to obtain a compulsory li-*  
7           *cense under subsection (a) during the period*  
8           *specified in subparagraph (E), such other period*  
9           *as may be determined pursuant to subpara-*  
10           *graphs (D) and (E), or such other period as the*  
11           *parties may agree. The Copyright Royalty*  
12           *Judges shall establish rates and terms that most*  
13           *clearly represent the rates and terms that would*  
14           *have been negotiated in the marketplace between*  
15           *a willing buyer and a willing seller. In deter-*  
16           *mining such rates and terms for digital phono-*  
17           *record deliveries, the Copyright Royalty Judges*  
18           *shall base their decision on economic, competi-*  
19           *tive, and programming information presented by*  
20           *the parties, including—*

21                   “(i) *whether use of the compulsory li-*  
22                   *censee’s service may substitute for or may*  
23                   *promote the sales of phonorecords or other-*  
24                   *wise may interfere with or may enhance the*  
25                   *musical work copyright owner’s other*

1 *streams of revenue from its musical works;*  
2 *and*

3 *“(ii) the relative roles of the copyright*  
4 *owner and the compulsory licensee in the*  
5 *copyrighted work and the service made*  
6 *available to the public with respect to the*  
7 *relative creative contribution, technological*  
8 *contribution, capital investment, cost, and*  
9 *risk.*

10 *“(2) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—*

11 *“(A) VOLUNTARY LICENSES AND CONTRAC-*  
12 *TUAL ROYALTY RATES.—*

13 *“(i) IN GENERAL.—License agreements*  
14 *voluntarily negotiated at any time between*  
15 *one or more copyright owners of nondra-*  
16 *matic musical works and one or more per-*  
17 *sons entitled to obtain a compulsory license*  
18 *under subsection (a) shall be given effect in*  
19 *lieu of any determination by the Copyright*  
20 *Royalty Judges. Subject to clause (ii), the*  
21 *royalty rates determined pursuant to sub-*  
22 *paragraphs (E) and (F) of paragraph (1)*  
23 *shall be given effect as to digital phono-*  
24 *record deliveries in lieu of any contrary*  
25 *royalty rates specified in a contract pursu-*

1            *ant to which a recording artist who is the*  
2            *author of a nondramatic musical work*  
3            *grants a license under that person's exclu-*  
4            *sive rights in the musical work under para-*  
5            *graphs (1) and (3) of section 106 or com-*  
6            *mits another person to grant a license in*  
7            *that musical work under paragraphs (1)*  
8            *and (3) of section 106, to a person desiring*  
9            *to fix in a tangible medium of expression a*  
10           *sound recording embodying the musical*  
11           *work.*

12           *“(ii) APPLICABILITY.—The second sen-*  
13           *tence of clause (i) shall not apply to—*

14           *“(I) a contract entered into on or*  
15           *before June 22, 1995, and not modified*  
16           *thereafter for the purpose of reducing*  
17           *the royalty rates determined pursuant*  
18           *to subparagraphs (E) and (F) of para-*  
19           *graph (1) or of increasing the number*  
20           *of musical works within the scope of*  
21           *the contract covered by the reduced*  
22           *rates, except if a contract entered into*  
23           *on or before June 22, 1995, is modified*  
24           *thereafter for the purpose of increasing*  
25           *the number of musical works within*



1           *the scope of the contract, any contrary*  
2           *royalty rates specified in the contract*  
3           *shall be given effect in lieu of royalty*  
4           *rates determined pursuant to subpara-*  
5           *graphs (E) and (F) of paragraph (1)*  
6           *for the number of musical works with-*  
7           *in the scope of the contract as of June*  
8           *22, 1995; and*

9                     *“(II) a contract entered into after*  
10           *the date that the sound recording is*  
11           *fixed in a tangible medium of expres-*  
12           *sion substantially in a form intended*  
13           *for commercial release, if at the time*  
14           *the contract is entered into, the record-*  
15           *ing artist retains the right to grant li-*  
16           *censes as to the musical work under*  
17           *paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 106.*

18                     *“(B) SOUND RECORDING INFORMATION.—*  
19           *Except as provided in section 1002(e), a digital*  
20           *phonorecord delivery licensed under this para-*  
21           *graph shall be accompanied by the information*  
22           *encoded in the sound recording, if any, by or*  
23           *under the authority of the copyright owner of*  
24           *that sound recording, that identifies the title of*  
25           *the sound recording, the featured recording artist*

1           *who performs on the sound recording, and re-*  
2           *lated information, including information con-*  
3           *cerning the underlying musical work and its*  
4           *writer.*

5           “(C) *INFRINGEMENT REMEDIES.*—

6           “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*A digital phono-*  
7           *record delivery of a sound recording is ac-*  
8           *tionable as an act of infringement under*  
9           *section 501, and is fully subject to the rem-*  
10           *edies provided by sections 502 through 506,*  
11           *unless—*

12                   “(I) *the digital phonorecord deliv-*  
13                   *ery has been authorized by the sound*  
14                   *recording copyright owner; and*

15                   “(II) *the entity making the digital*  
16                   *phonorecord delivery has obtained a*  
17                   *compulsory license under subsection*  
18                   *(a) or has otherwise been authorized by*  
19                   *the musical work copyright owner, or*  
20                   *by a record company pursuant to an*  
21                   *individual download license, to make*  
22                   *and distribute phonorecords of each*  
23                   *musical work embodied in the sound*  
24                   *recording by means of digital phono-*  
25                   *record delivery.*

1                   “(ii) *OTHER REMEDIES.*—Any cause of  
2                   action under this subparagraph shall be in  
3                   addition to those available to the owner of  
4                   the copyright in the nondramatic musical  
5                   work under subparagraph (J) and section  
6                   106(4) and the owner of the copyright in  
7                   the sound recording under section 106(6).

8                   “(D) *LIABILITY OF SOUND RECORDING OWN-*  
9                   *ERS.*—The liability of the copyright owner of a  
10                  sound recording for infringement of the copy-  
11                  right in a nondramatic musical work embodied  
12                  in the sound recording shall be determined in ac-  
13                  cordance with applicable law, except that the  
14                  owner of a copyright in a sound recording shall  
15                  not be liable for a digital phonorecord delivery  
16                  by a third party if the owner of the copyright in  
17                  the sound recording does not license the distribu-  
18                  tion of a phonorecord of the nondramatic musi-  
19                  cal work.

20                  “(E) *RECORDING DEVICES AND MEDIA.*—  
21                  Nothing in section 1008 shall be construed to  
22                  prevent the exercise of the rights and remedies al-  
23                  lowed by this paragraph, subparagraph (J), and  
24                  chapter 5 in the event of a digital phonorecord  
25                  delivery, except that no action alleging infringe-

1           *ment of copyright may be brought under this*  
2           *title against a manufacturer, importer or dis-*  
3           *tributor of a digital audio recording device, a*  
4           *digital audio recording medium, an analog re-*  
5           *recording device, or an analog recording medium,*  
6           *or against a consumer, based on the actions de-*  
7           *scribed in such section.*

8           “(F) *PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS.*—*Nothing*  
9           *in this section annuls or limits—*

10           “(i) *the exclusive right to publicly per-*  
11           *form a sound recording or the musical work*  
12           *embodied therein, including by means of a*  
13           *digital transmission, under paragraphs (4)*  
14           *and (6) of section 106;*

15           “(ii) *except for compulsory licensing*  
16           *under the conditions specified by this sec-*  
17           *tion, the exclusive rights to reproduce and*  
18           *distribute the sound recording and the mu-*  
19           *sical work embodied therein under para-*  
20           *graphs (1) and (3) of section 106, including*  
21           *by means of a digital phonorecord delivery;*  
22           *or*

23           “(iii) *any other rights under any other*  
24           *provision of section 106, or remedies avail-*  
25           *able under this title, as such rights or rem-*

1            *edies exist before, on, or after the date of en-*  
2            *actment of the Digital Performance Right*  
3            *in Sound Recordings Act of 1995.*

4            “(G) *EXEMPT TRANSMISSIONS AND RE-*  
5            *TRANSMISSIONS.—The provisions of this section*  
6            *concerning digital phonorecord deliveries shall*  
7            *not apply to any exempt transmissions or re-*  
8            *transmissions under section 114(d)(1). The ex-*  
9            *emptions created in section 114(d)(1) do not ex-*  
10           *pend or reduce the rights of copyright owners*  
11           *under paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 106*  
12           *with respect to such transmissions and retrans-*  
13           *missions.*

14           “(H) *DISTRIBUTION BY RENTAL, LEASE, OR*  
15           *LENDING.—A compulsory license obtained under*  
16           *subsection (b)(1) to make and distribute*  
17           *phonorecords includes the right of the maker of*  
18           *such a phonorecord to distribute or authorize*  
19           *distribution of such phonorecord, other than by*  
20           *means of a digital phonorecord delivery, by rent-*  
21           *al, lease, or lending (or by acts or practices in*  
22           *the nature of rental, lease, or lending). With re-*  
23           *spect to each nondramatic musical work em-*  
24           *bodied in the phonorecord, the royalty shall be a*  
25           *proportion of the revenue received by the compul-*

1           sory licensee from every such act of distribution  
2           of the phonorecord under this clause equal to the  
3           proportion of the revenue received by the compul-  
4           sory licensee from distribution of the phonorecord  
5           under subsection (a)(1)(A)(ii)(II) that is payable  
6           by a compulsory licensee under that clause and  
7           under chapter 8. The Register of Copyrights shall  
8           issue regulations to carry out the purpose of this  
9           subparagraph.

10           “(I) PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES AND STATE-  
11           MENTS OF ACCOUNT.—Except as provided in  
12           paragraphs (4)(A)(i) and (10)(B) of subsection  
13           (d), royalty payments shall be made on or before  
14           the twentieth day of each month and shall in-  
15           clude all royalties for the month next preceding.  
16           Each monthly payment shall be made under oath  
17           and shall comply with requirements that the  
18           Register of Copyrights shall prescribe by regula-  
19           tion. The Register shall also prescribe regulations  
20           under which detailed cumulative annual state-  
21           ments of account, certified by a certified public  
22           accountant, shall be filed for every compulsory  
23           license under subsection (a). The regulations cov-  
24           ering both the monthly and the annual state-  
25           ments of account shall prescribe the form, con-

1           *tent, and manner of certification with respect to*  
2           *the number of records made and the number of*  
3           *records distributed.*

4           “(J) NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF COMPULSORY LICENSE.—*In the case*  
5           *of a license obtained under paragraph (1),*  
6           *(2)(A), or (3) of subsection (b), if the copyright*  
7           *owner does not receive the monthly payment and*  
8           *the monthly and annual statements of account*  
9           *when due, the owner may give written notice to*  
10           *the licensee that, unless the default is remedied*  
11           *not later than 30 days after the date on which*  
12           *the notice is sent, the compulsory license will be*  
13           *automatically terminated. Such termination ren-*  
14           *ders either the making or the distribution, or*  
15           *both, of all phonorecords for which the royalty*  
16           *has not been paid, actionable as acts of infringe-*  
17           *ment under section 501 and fully subject to the*  
18           *remedies provided by sections 502 through 506.*  
19           *In the case of a license obtained under subsection*  
20           *(b)(2)(B), license authority under the compulsory*  
21           *license may be terminated as provided in sub-*  
22           *section (d)(4)(E).”;*

23           (4) *by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-*  
24           *lows:*  
25

1       “(d) *BLANKET LICENSE FOR DIGITAL USES, MECHAN-*  
2 *ICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE, AND DIGITAL LICENSEE CO-*  
3 *ORDINATOR.*—

4               “(1) *BLANKET LICENSE FOR DIGITAL USES.*—

5                       “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*A digital music pro-*  
6 *vider that qualifies for a compulsory license*  
7 *under subsection (a) may, by complying with the*  
8 *terms and conditions of this subsection, obtain a*  
9 *blanket license from copyright owners through*  
10 *the mechanical licensing collective to make and*  
11 *distribute digital phonorecord deliveries of musi-*  
12 *cal works through one or more covered activities.*

13                       “(B) *INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.*—*A blanket li-*  
14 *cence—*

15                               “(i) *covers all musical works (or shares*  
16 *of such works) available for compulsory li-*  
17 *censing under this section for purposes of*  
18 *engaging in covered activities, except as*  
19 *provided in subparagraph (C);*

20                               “(ii) *includes the making and distribu-*  
21 *tion of server, intermediate, archival, and*  
22 *incidental reproductions of musical works*  
23 *that are reasonable and necessary for the*  
24 *digital music provider to engage in covered*  
25 *activities licensed under this subsection,*



1           *solely for the purpose of engaging in such*  
2           *covered activities; and*

3           “(iii) *does not cover or include any*  
4           *rights or uses other than those described in*  
5           *clauses (i) and (ii).*

6           “(C) *OTHER LICENSES.—A voluntary li-*  
7           *cence for covered activities entered into by or*  
8           *under the authority of 1 or more copyright own-*  
9           *ers and 1 or more digital music providers, or au-*  
10          *thority to make and distribute permanent*  
11          *downloads of a musical work obtained by a dig-*  
12          *ital music provider from a sound recording*  
13          *copyright owner pursuant to an individual*  
14          *download license, shall be given effect in lieu of*  
15          *a blanket license under this subsection with re-*  
16          *spect to the musical works (or shares thereof)*  
17          *covered by such voluntary license or individual*  
18          *download authority and the following conditions*  
19          *apply:*

20                  “(i) *Where a voluntary license or indi-*  
21                  *vidual download license applies, the license*  
22                  *authority provided under the blanket license*  
23                  *shall exclude any musical works (or shares*  
24                  *thereof) subject to the voluntary license or*  
25                  *individual download license.*

1           “(ii) *An entity engaged in covered ac-*  
2           *tivities under a voluntary license or author-*  
3           *ity obtained pursuant to an individual*  
4           *download license that is a significant non-*  
5           *blanket licensee shall comply with para-*  
6           *graph (6)(A).*

7           “(iii) *The rates and terms of any vol-*  
8           *untary license shall be subject to the second*  
9           *sentence of clause (i) and clause (ii) of sub-*  
10          *section (c)(2)(A) and paragraph (9)(C), as*  
11          *applicable.*

12          “(D) *PROTECTION AGAINST INFRINGEMENT*  
13          *ACTIONS.—A digital music provider that obtains*  
14          *and complies with the terms of a valid blanket*  
15          *license under this subsection shall not be subject*  
16          *to an action for infringement of the exclusive*  
17          *rights provided by paragraphs (1) and (3) of sec-*  
18          *tion 106 under this title arising from use of a*  
19          *musical work (or share thereof) to engage in cov-*  
20          *ered activities authorized by such license, subject*  
21          *to paragraph (4)(E).*

22          “(E) *OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND CONDI-*  
23          *TIONS APPLY.—Except as expressly provided in*  
24          *this subsection, each requirement, limitation,*  
25          *condition, privilege, right, and remedy otherwise*

1           *applicable to compulsory licenses under this sec-*  
2           *tion shall apply to compulsory blanket licenses*  
3           *under this subsection.*

4           “(2) *AVAILABILITY OF BLANKET LICENSE.—*

5                   “(A) *PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING LI-*  
6           *CENSE.—A digital music provider may obtain a*  
7           *blanket license by submitting a notice of license*  
8           *to the mechanical licensing collective that speci-*  
9           *fies the particular covered activities in which the*  
10           *digital music provider seeks to engage, as follows:*

11                           “(i) *The notice of license shall comply*  
12                           *in form and substance with requirements*  
13                           *that the Register of Copyrights shall estab-*  
14                           *lish by regulation.*

15                           “(ii) *Unless rejected in writing by the*  
16                           *mechanical licensing collective not later*  
17                           *than 30 calendar days after the date on*  
18                           *which the mechanical licensing collective re-*  
19                           *ceives the notice, the blanket license shall be*  
20                           *effective as of the date on which the notice*  
21                           *of license was sent by the digital music pro-*  
22                           *vider, as shown by a physical or electronic*  
23                           *record.*

1           “(iii) A notice of license may only be  
2 rejected by the mechanical licensing collec-  
3 tive if—

4                   “(I) the digital music provider or  
5 notice of license does not meet the re-  
6 quirements of this section or applicable  
7 regulations, in which case the require-  
8 ments at issue shall be specified with  
9 reasonable particularity in the notice  
10 of rejection; or

11                   “(II) the digital music provider  
12 has had a blanket license terminated  
13 by the mechanical licensing collective  
14 during the 3-year period preceding the  
15 date on which the mechanical licensing  
16 collective receives the notice pursuant  
17 to paragraph (4)(E).

18           “(iv) If a notice of license is rejected  
19 under clause (iii)(I), the digital music pro-  
20 vider shall have 30 calendar days after re-  
21 ceipt of the notice of rejection to cure any  
22 deficiency and submit an amended notice of  
23 license to the mechanical licensing collective.  
24 If the deficiency has been cured, the me-  
25 chanical licensing collective shall so confirm

1           *in writing, and the license shall be effective*  
2           *as of the date that the original notice of li-*  
3           *cence was provided by the digital music*  
4           *provider.*

5           “(v) *A digital music provider that be-*  
6           *lieves a notice of license was improperly re-*  
7           *jected by the mechanical licensing collective*  
8           *may seek review of such rejection in an ap-*  
9           *propriate district court of the United*  
10          *States. The district court shall determine*  
11          *the matter de novo based on the record be-*  
12          *fore the mechanical licensing collective and*  
13          *any additional evidence presented by the*  
14          *parties.*

15          “(B) *BLANKET LICENSE EFFECTIVE*  
16          *DATE.—Blanket licenses shall be made available*  
17          *by the mechanical licensing collective on and*  
18          *after the license availability date. No such license*  
19          *shall be effective prior to the license availability*  
20          *date.*

21          “(3) *MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE.—*

22                 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The mechanical licens-*  
23                 *ing collective shall be a single entity that—*

24                         “(i) *is a nonprofit entity, not owned*  
25                         *by any other entity, that is created by copy-*

1           *right owners to carry out responsibilities*  
2           *under this subsection;*

3           “(ii) *is endorsed by, and enjoys sub-*  
4           *stantial support from, musical work copy-*  
5           *right owners that together represent the*  
6           *greatest percentage of the licensor market*  
7           *for uses of such works in covered activities,*  
8           *as measured over the preceding 3 full cal-*  
9           *endar years;*

10           “(iii) *is able to demonstrate to the Reg-*  
11           *ister of Copyrights that the entity has, or*  
12           *will have prior to the license availability*  
13           *date, the administrative and technological*  
14           *capabilities to perform the required func-*  
15           *tions of the mechanical licensing collective*  
16           *under this subsection and that is governed*  
17           *by a board of directors in accordance with*  
18           *subparagraph (D)(i); and*

19           “(iv) *has been designated by the Reg-*  
20           *ister of Copyrights, with the approval of the*  
21           *Librarian of Congress pursuant to section*  
22           *702, in accordance with subparagraph (B).*

23           “(B) *DESIGNATION OF MECHANICAL LICENS-*

24           *ING COLLECTIVE.—*

1           “(i) *INITIAL DESIGNATION.*—Not later  
2           than 270 days after the enactment date, the  
3           Register of Copyrights shall initially des-  
4           ignate the mechanical licensing collective as  
5           follows:

6                   “(I) Not later than 90 calendar  
7                   days after the enactment date, the Reg-  
8                   ister shall publish notice in the Federal  
9                   Register soliciting information to as-  
10                  sist in identifying the appropriate en-  
11                  tity to serve as the mechanical licens-  
12                  ing collective, including the name and  
13                  affiliation of each member of the board  
14                  of directors described under subpara-  
15                  graph (D)(i) and each committee estab-  
16                  lished pursuant to clauses (iii), (iv),  
17                  and (v) of subparagraph (D).

18                  “(II) After reviewing the informa-  
19                  tion requested under subclause (I) and  
20                  making a designation, the Register  
21                  shall publish notice in the Federal Reg-  
22                  ister setting forth—

23                          “(aa) the identity of and  
24                          contact information for the me-  
25                          chanical licensing collective; and

1                                   “(bb) the reasons for the des-  
2                                   ignation.

3                                   “(ii) *PERIODIC REVIEW OF DESIGNA-*  
4                                   *TION.—Following the initial designation of*  
5                                   *the mechanical licensing collective, the Reg-*  
6                                   *ister shall, every 5 years, beginning with the*  
7                                   *fifth full calendar year to commence after*  
8                                   *the initial designation, publish notice in the*  
9                                   *Federal Register in the month of January*  
10                                   *soliciting information concerning whether*  
11                                   *the existing designation should be contin-*  
12                                   *ued, or a different entity meeting the cri-*  
13                                   *teria described in clauses (i) through (iii) of*  
14                                   *subparagraph (A) shall be designated. Fol-*  
15                                   *lowing publication of such notice, the Reg-*  
16                                   *ister shall—*

17                                   “(I) after reviewing the informa-  
18                                   tion submitted and conducting addi-  
19                                   tional proceedings as appropriate, pub-  
20                                   lish notice in the *Federal Register* of a  
21                                   continuing designation or new designa-  
22                                   tion of the mechanical licensing collec-  
23                                   tive, as the case may be, and the rea-  
24                                   sons for such a designation, with any  
25                                   new designation to be effective as of the



1 *first day of a month that is not less*  
2 *than 6 months and not longer than 9*  
3 *months after the date on which the*  
4 *Register publishes the notice, as speci-*  
5 *fied by the Register; and*

6 *“(II) if a new entity is designated*  
7 *as the mechanical licensing collective,*  
8 *adopt regulations to govern the trans-*  
9 *fer of licenses, funds, records, data, and*  
10 *administrative responsibilities from the*  
11 *existing mechanical licensing collective*  
12 *to the new entity.*

13 *“(iii) CLOSEST ALTERNATIVE DESIGNA-*  
14 *TION.—If the Register is unable to identify*  
15 *an entity that fulfills each of the qualifica-*  
16 *tions set forth in clauses (i) through (iii) of*  
17 *subparagraph (A), the Register shall des-*  
18 *ignate the entity that most nearly fulfills*  
19 *such qualifications for purposes of carrying*  
20 *out the responsibilities of the mechanical li-*  
21 *censing collective.*

22 *“(C) AUTHORITIES AND FUNCTIONS.—*

23 *“(i) IN GENERAL.—The mechanical li-*  
24 *censing collective is authorized to perform*  
25 *the following functions, subject to more par-*

1            *ticular requirements as described in this*  
2            *subsection:*

3                    *“(I) Offer and administer blanket*  
4                    *licenses, including receipt of notices of*  
5                    *license and reports of usage from dig-*  
6                    *ital music providers.*

7                    *“(II) Collect and distribute royal-*  
8                    *ties from digital music providers for*  
9                    *covered activities.*

10                   *“(III) Engage in efforts to iden-*  
11                   *tify musical works (and shares of such*  
12                   *works) embodied in particular sound*  
13                   *recordings, and to identify and locate*  
14                   *the copyright owners of such musical*  
15                   *works (and shares of such works).*

16                   *“(IV) Maintain the musical works*  
17                   *database and other information rel-*  
18                   *evant to the administration of licens-*  
19                   *ing activities under this section.*

20                   *“(V) Administer a process by*  
21                   *which copyright owners can claim*  
22                   *ownership of musical works (and*  
23                   *shares of such works), and a process by*  
24                   *which royalties for works for which the*  
25                   *owner is not identified or located are*

1                   *equitably distributed to known copy-*  
2                   *right owners.*

3                   “(VI) *Administer collections of the*  
4                   *administrative assessment from digital*  
5                   *music providers and significant non-*  
6                   *blanket licensees, including receipt of*  
7                   *notices of nonblanket activity.*

8                   “(VII) *Invest in relevant re-*  
9                   *sources, and arrange for services of*  
10                  *outside vendors and others, to support*  
11                  *the activities of the mechanical licens-*  
12                  *ing collective.*

13                  “(VIII) *Engage in legal and other*  
14                  *efforts to enforce rights and obligations*  
15                  *under this subsection, including by fil-*  
16                  *ing bankruptcy proofs of claims for*  
17                  *amounts owed under licenses, and act-*  
18                  *ing in coordination with the digital li-*  
19                  *censee coordinator.*

20                  “(IX) *Initiate and participate in*  
21                  *proceedings before the Copyright Roy-*  
22                  *alty Judges to establish the adminis-*  
23                  *trative assessment under this sub-*  
24                  *section.*

1           “(X) *Initiate and participate in*  
2           *proceedings before the Copyright Office*  
3           *with respect to activities under this*  
4           *subsection.*

5           “(XI) *Gather and provide docu-*  
6           *mentation for use in proceedings before*  
7           *the Copyright Royalty Judges to set*  
8           *rates and terms under this section.*

9           “(XII) *Maintain records of the ac-*  
10          *tivities of the mechanical licensing col-*  
11          *lective and engage in and respond to*  
12          *audits described in this subsection.*

13          “(XIII) *Engage in such other ac-*  
14          *tivities as may be necessary or appro-*  
15          *priate to fulfill the responsibilities of*  
16          *the mechanical licensing collective*  
17          *under this subsection.*

18          “(ii) *ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AC-*  
19          *TIVITIES.—Subject to clause (iii) and para-*  
20          *graph (11)(C), the mechanical licensing col-*  
21          *lective may also administer, or assist in ad-*  
22          *ministering, voluntary licenses issued by or*  
23          *individual download licenses obtained from*  
24          *copyright owners for uses of musical works,*

1           *for which the mechanical licensing collective*  
 2           *shall charge reasonable fees for such services.*

3           “(iii) *RESTRICTION CONCERNING PUB-*  
 4           *LIC PERFORMANCE RIGHTS.—The mechan-*  
 5           *ical licensing collective—*

6                   “(I) *may, pursuant to clause (ii),*  
 7                   *provide administration services with*  
 8                   *respect to voluntary licenses that in-*  
 9                   *clude the right of public performance*  
 10                   *in musical works; and*

11                   “(II) *may not—*

12                           “(aa) *negotiate or grant li-*  
 13                           *censes for the right of public per-*  
 14                           *formance in musical works; or*

15                           “(bb) *be the exclusive or non-*  
 16                           *exclusive assignee or grantee of the*  
 17                           *right of public performance in*  
 18                           *musical works.*

19           “(iv) *RESTRICTION ON LOBBYING.—*  
 20           *The mechanical licensing collective may not*  
 21           *engage in government lobbying activities,*  
 22           *but may engage in the activities described*  
 23           *in subclauses (IX), (X), and (XI) of clause*  
 24           *(i).*

25           “(D) *GOVERNANCE.—*

1           “(i) *BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*—*The me-*  
2           *chanical licensing collective shall have a*  
3           *board of directors consisting of 14 voting*  
4           *members and 3 nonvoting members, as fol-*  
5           *lows:*

6                     “(I) *Ten voting members shall be*  
7                     *representatives of music publishers—*

8                             “(aa) *to which songwriters*  
9                             *have assigned exclusive rights of*  
10                            *reproduction and distribution of*  
11                            *musical works with respect to cov-*  
12                            *ered activities; and*

13                           “(bb) *none of which may be*  
14                            *owned by, or under common con-*  
15                            *trol with, any other board mem-*  
16                            *ber.*

17                     “(II) *Four voting members shall*  
18                     *be professional songwriters who have*  
19                     *retained and exercise exclusive rights of*  
20                     *reproduction and distribution with re-*  
21                     *spect to covered activities with respect*  
22                     *to musical works they have authored.*

23                     “(III) *One nonvoting member*  
24                     *shall be a representative of the non-*  
25                     *profit trade association of music pub-*

1           lishers that represents the greatest per-  
2           centage of the licensor market for uses  
3           of musical works in covered activities,  
4           as measured for the 3-year period pre-  
5           ceding the date on which the member is  
6           appointed.

7           “(IV) One nonvoting member  
8           shall be a representative of the digital  
9           licensee coordinator, provided that a  
10          digital licensee coordinator has been  
11          designated pursuant to paragraph  
12          (5)(B). Otherwise, the nonvoting mem-  
13          ber shall be the nonprofit trade associa-  
14          tion of digital licensees that represents  
15          the greatest percentage of the licensee  
16          market for uses of musical works in  
17          covered activities, as measured over the  
18          preceding 3 full calendar years.

19          “(V) One nonvoting member shall  
20          be a representative of a nationally rec-  
21          ognized nonprofit trade association  
22          whose primary mission is advocacy on  
23          behalf of songwriters in the United  
24          States.

25          “(ii) BYLAWS.—

1           “(I) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Not later  
2           than 1 year after the date on which the  
3           mechanical licensing collective is ini-  
4           tially designated by the Register of  
5           Copyrights under subparagraph (B)(i),  
6           the collective shall establish bylaws to  
7           determine issues relating to the govern-  
8           ance of the collective, including, but  
9           not limited to—

10                   “(aa) the length of the term  
11                   for each member of the board of  
12                   directors;

13                   “(bb) the staggering of the  
14                   terms of the members of the board  
15                   of directors;

16                   “(cc) a process for filling a  
17                   seat on the board of directors that  
18                   is vacated before the end of the  
19                   term with respect to that seat;

20                   “(dd) a process for electing a  
21                   member to the board of directors;  
22                   and

23                   “(ee) a management struc-  
24                   ture for daily operation of the col-  
25                   lective.



1                   “(II) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—*The*  
2                   *mechanical licensing collective shall*  
3                   *make the bylaws established under sub-*  
4                   *clause (I) available to the public.*

5                   “(iii) *BOARD MEETINGS.*—*The board*  
6                   *of directors shall meet not less frequently*  
7                   *than biannually and discuss matters perti-*  
8                   *nent to the operations of the mechanical li-*  
9                   *censing collective, including the mechanical*  
10                  *licensing collective budget.*

11                  “(iv) *OPERATIONS ADVISORY COM-*  
12                  *MITTEE.*—*The board of directors of the me-*  
13                  *chanical licensing collective shall establish*  
14                  *an operations advisory committee consisting*  
15                  *of not fewer than 6 members to make rec-*  
16                  *ommendations to the board of directors con-*  
17                  *cerning the operations of the mechanical li-*  
18                  *censing collective, including the efficient in-*  
19                  *vestment in and deployment of information*  
20                  *technology and data resources. Such com-*  
21                  *mittee shall have an equal number of mem-*  
22                  *bers of the committee who are—*

23                                 “(I) *musical work copyright own-*  
24                                 *ers who are appointed by the board of*

1                   *directors of the mechanical licensing*  
2                   *collective; and*

3                   “(II) *representatives of digital*  
4                   *music providers who are appointed by*  
5                   *the digital licensee coordinator.*

6                   “(v) *UNCLAIMED ROYALTIES OVER-*  
7                   *SIGHT COMMITTEE.—The board of directors*  
8                   *of the mechanical licensing collective shall*  
9                   *establish and appoint an unclaimed roy-*  
10                   *alties oversight committee consisting of 10*  
11                   *members, 5 of which shall be musical work*  
12                   *copyright owners and 5 of which shall be*  
13                   *professional songwriters whose works are*  
14                   *used in covered activities.*

15                   “(vi) *DISPUTE RESOLUTION COM-*  
16                   *MITTEE.—The board of directors of the me-*  
17                   *chanical licensing collective shall establish*  
18                   *and appoint a dispute resolution committee*  
19                   *that shall—*

20                   “(I) *consist of not fewer than 6*  
21                   *members; and*

22                   “(II) *include an equal number of*  
23                   *representatives of musical work copy-*  
24                   *right owners and professional song-*  
25                   *writers.*

1                   “(vii) *MECHANICAL LICENSING COL-*  
2                   *LECTIVE ANNUAL REPORT.—*

3                   “(I) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than*  
4                   *June 30 of each year commencing after*  
5                   *the license availability date, the me-*  
6                   *chanical licensing collective shall post,*  
7                   *and make available online for a period*  
8                   *of not less than 3 years, an annual re-*  
9                   *port that sets forth information regard-*  
10                  *ing—*

11                  “(aa) *the operational and li-*  
12                  *censing practices of the collective;*

13                  “(bb) *how royalties are col-*  
14                  *lected and distributed;*

15                  “(cc) *budgeting and expendi-*  
16                  *tures;*

17                  “(dd) *the collective total costs*  
18                  *for the preceding calendar year;*

19                  “(ee) *the projected annual*  
20                  *mechanical licensing collective*  
21                  *budget;*

22                  “(ff) *aggregated royalty re-*  
23                  *ceipts and payments;*

24                  “(gg) *expenses that are more*  
25                  *than 10 percent of the annual me-*

1                   *chanical licensing collective budg-*  
2                   *et; and*

3                   “(hh) *the efforts of the collec-*  
4                   *tive to locate and identify copy-*  
5                   *right owners of unmatched musi-*  
6                   *cal works (and shares of works).*

7                   “(II) *SUBMISSION.—On the date*  
8                   *on which the mechanical licensing col-*  
9                   *lective posts each report required under*  
10                   *subclause (I), the collective shall pro-*  
11                   *vide a copy of the report to the Reg-*  
12                   *ister of Copyrights.*

13                   “(viii) *INDEPENDENT OFFICERS.—An*  
14                   *individual serving as an officer of the me-*  
15                   *chanical licensing collective may not, at the*  
16                   *same time, also be an employee or agent of*  
17                   *any member of the board of directors of the*  
18                   *collective or any entity represented by a*  
19                   *member of the board of directors, as de-*  
20                   *scribed in clause (i).*

21                   “(ix) *OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNT-*  
22                   *ABILITY.—*

23                   “(I) *IN GENERAL.—The mechan-*  
24                   *ical licensing collective shall—*

1           “(aa) ensure that the policies  
2 and practices of the collective are  
3 transparent and accountable;

4           “(bb) identify a point of con-  
5 tact for publisher inquiries and  
6 complaints with timely redress;  
7 and

8           “(cc) establish an anti-co-  
9 mingling policy for funds not col-  
10 lected under this section and roy-  
11 alties collected under this section.

12           “(II) AUDITS.—

13           “(aa) IN GENERAL.—Begin-  
14 ning in the fourth full calendar  
15 year that begins after the initial  
16 designation of the mechanical li-  
17 censing collective by the Register  
18 of Copyrights under subparagraph  
19 (B)(i), and in every fifth calendar  
20 year thereafter, the collective shall  
21 retain a qualified auditor that  
22 shall—

23           “(AA) examine the  
24 books, records, and oper-  
25 ations of the collective;

1                   “(BB) prepare a report  
2                   for the board of directors of  
3                   the collective with respect to  
4                   the matters described in item  
5                   (bb); and

6                   “(CC) not later than  
7                   December 31 of the year in  
8                   which the qualified auditor is  
9                   retained, deliver the report  
10                  described in subitem (BB) to  
11                  the board of directors of the  
12                  collective.

13                  “(bb)       MATTERS       AD-  
14                  DRESSED.—Each report prepared  
15                  under item (aa) shall address the  
16                  implementation and efficacy of  
17                  procedures of the mechanical li-  
18                  censing collective—

19                  “(AA) for the receipt,  
20                  handling, and distribution of  
21                  royalty funds, including any  
22                  amounts held as unclaimed  
23                  royalties;

24                  “(BB) to guard against  
25                  fraud, abuse, waste, and the

1                    *unreasonable use of funds;*  
2                    *and*

3                    *“(CC) to protect the*  
4                    *confidentiality of financial,*  
5                    *proprietary, and other sen-*  
6                    *sitive information.*

7                    *“(cc) PUBLIC AVAIL-*  
8                    *ABILITY.—With respect to each re-*  
9                    *port prepared under item (aa),*  
10                   *the mechanical licensing collective*  
11                   *shall—*

12                   *“(AA) submit the report*  
13                   *to the Register of Copyrights;*  
14                   *and*

15                   *“(BB) make the report*  
16                   *available to the public.*

17                   *“(E) MUSICAL WORKS DATABASE.—*

18                   *“(i) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTEN-*  
19                   *NANCE OF DATABASE.—The mechanical li-*  
20                   *censing collective shall establish and main-*  
21                   *tain a database containing information re-*  
22                   *lating to musical works (and shares of such*  
23                   *works) and, to the extent known, the iden-*  
24                   *tity and location of the copyright owners of*  
25                   *such works (and shares thereof) and the*

1           *sound recordings in which the musical*  
2           *works are embodied. In furtherance of*  
3           *maintaining such database, the mechanical*  
4           *licensing collective shall engage in efforts to*  
5           *identify the musical works embodied in par-*  
6           *ticular sound recordings, as well as to iden-*  
7           *tify and locate the copyright owners of such*  
8           *works (and shares thereof), and update such*  
9           *data as appropriate.*

10           “(i) *MATCHED WORKS.*—*With respect*  
11           *to musical works (and shares thereof) that*  
12           *have been matched to copyright owners, the*  
13           *musical works database shall include—*

14                   “(I) *the title of the musical work;*

15                   “(II) *the copyright owner of the*  
16                   *work (or share thereof), and the owner-*  
17                   *ship percentage of that owner;*

18                   “(III) *contact information for*  
19                   *such copyright owner;*

20                   “(IV) *to the extent reasonably*  
21                   *available to the mechanical licensing*  
22                   *collective—*

23                           “(aa) *the international*  
24                           *standard musical work code for*  
25                           *the work; and*



1                   “(bb) identifying information  
2                   for sound recordings in which the  
3                   musical work is embodied, includ-  
4                   ing the name of the sound record-  
5                   ing, featured artist, sound record-  
6                   ing copyright owner, producer,  
7                   international standard recording  
8                   code, and other information com-  
9                   monly used to assist in associ-  
10                  ating sound recordings with musi-  
11                  cal works; and

12                  “(V) such other information as the  
13                  Register of Copyrights may prescribe  
14                  by regulation.

15                  “(iii) UNMATCHED WORKS.—With re-  
16                  spect to unmatched musical works (and  
17                  shares of works) in the database, the musi-  
18                  cal works database shall include—

19                         “(I) to the extent reasonably  
20                         available to the mechanical licensing  
21                         collective—

22                                 “(aa) the title of the musical  
23                                 work;

1           “(bb) the ownership percent-  
2           age for which an owner has not  
3           been identified;

4           “(cc) if a copyright owner  
5           has been identified but not lo-  
6           cated, the identity of such owner  
7           and the ownership percentage of  
8           that owner;

9           “(dd) identifying informa-  
10          tion for sound recordings in which  
11          the work is embodied, including  
12          sound recording name, featured  
13          artist, sound recording copyright  
14          owner, producer, international  
15          standard recording code, and  
16          other information commonly used  
17          to assist in associating sound re-  
18          cordings with musical works; and

19          “(ee) any additional infor-  
20          mation reported to the mechanical  
21          licensing collective that may assist  
22          in identifying the work; and

23          “(II) such other information relat-  
24          ing to the identity and ownership of  
25          musical works (and shares of such

1                   works) as the Register of Copyrights  
2                   may prescribe by regulation.

3                   “(iv) SOUND RECORDING INFORMA-  
4                   TION.—Each musical work copyright owner  
5                   with any musical work listed in the musical  
6                   works database shall engage in commer-  
7                   cially reasonable efforts to deliver to the me-  
8                   chanical licensing collective, including for  
9                   use in the musical works database, to the  
10                  extent such information is not then avail-  
11                  able in the database, information regarding  
12                  the names of the sound recordings in which  
13                  that copyright owner’s musical works (or  
14                  shares thereof) are embodied, to the extent  
15                  practicable.

16                  “(v) ACCESSIBILITY OF DATABASE.—  
17                  The musical works database shall be made  
18                  available to members of the public in a  
19                  searchable, online format, free of charge.  
20                  The mechanical licensing collective shall  
21                  make such database available in a bulk,  
22                  machine-readable format, through a widely  
23                  available software application, to the fol-  
24                  lowing entities:

1           “(I) *Digital music providers oper-*  
2           *ating under the authority of valid no-*  
3           *tices of license, free of charge.*

4           “(II) *Significant nonblanket li-*  
5           *censes in compliance with their obli-*  
6           *gations under paragraph (6), free of*  
7           *charge.*

8           “(III) *Authorized vendors of the*  
9           *entities described in subclauses (I) and*  
10           *(II), free of charge.*

11           “(IV) *The Register of Copyrights,*  
12           *free of charge (but the Register shall*  
13           *not treat such database or any infor-*  
14           *mation therein as a Government*  
15           *record).*

16           “(V) *Any member of the public,*  
17           *for a fee not to exceed the marginal*  
18           *cost to the mechanical licensing collec-*  
19           *tive of providing the database to such*  
20           *person.*

21           “(vi) *ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—*  
22           *The Register of Copyrights shall establish*  
23           *requirements by regulations to ensure the*  
24           *usability, interoperability, and usage re-*  
25           *strictions of the musical works database.*

1                   “(F) *NOTICES OF LICENSE AND NON-*  
2                   *BLANKET ACTIVITY.*—

3                   “(i) *NOTICES OF LICENSES.*—*The me-*  
4                   *chanical licensing collective shall receive, re-*  
5                   *view, and confirm or reject notices of license*  
6                   *from digital music providers, as provided*  
7                   *in paragraph (2)(A). The collective shall*  
8                   *maintain a current, publicly accessible list*  
9                   *of blanket licenses that includes contact in-*  
10                   *formation for the licensees and the effective*  
11                   *dates of such licenses.*

12                   “(ii) *NOTICES OF NONBLANKET ACTIV-*  
13                   *ITY.*—*The mechanical licensing collective*  
14                   *shall receive notices of nonblanket activity*  
15                   *from significant nonblanket licensees, as*  
16                   *provided in paragraph (6)(A). The collective*  
17                   *shall maintain a current, publicly accessible*  
18                   *list of notices of nonblanket activity that in-*  
19                   *cludes contact information for significant*  
20                   *nonblanket licensees and the dates of receipt*  
21                   *of such notices.*

22                   “(G) *COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF*  
23                   *ROYALTIES.*—

24                   “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*Upon receiving re-*  
25                   *ports of usage and payments of royalties*

1           *from digital music providers for covered ac-*  
2           *tivities, the mechanical licensing collective*  
3           *shall—*

4                   “(I) engage in efforts to—

5                           “(aa) identify the musical  
6                           works embodied in sound record-  
7                           ings reflected in such reports, and  
8                           the copyright owners of such mu-  
9                           sical works (and shares thereof);

10                           “(bb) confirm uses of musical  
11                           works subject to voluntary licenses  
12                           and individual download licenses,  
13                           and the corresponding pro rata  
14                           amounts to be deducted from roy-  
15                           alties that would otherwise be due  
16                           under the blanket license; and

17                           “(cc) confirm proper pay-  
18                           ment of royalties due;

19                           “(II) distribute royalties to copy-  
20                           right owners in accordance with the  
21                           usage and other information contained  
22                           in such reports, as well as the owner-  
23                           ship and other information contained  
24                           in the records of the collective; and

1           “(III) deposit into an interest-  
2           bearing account, as provided in sub-  
3           paragraph (H)(i), royalties that can-  
4           not be distributed due to—

5                   “(aa) an inability to identify  
6                   or locate a copyright owner of a  
7                   musical work (or share thereof); or

8                   “(bb) a pending dispute be-  
9                   fore the dispute resolution com-  
10                  mittee of the mechanical licensing  
11                  collective.

12           “(ii) OTHER COLLECTION EFFORTS.—

13           Any royalties recovered by the mechanical  
14           licensing collective as a result of efforts to  
15           enforce rights or obligations under a blanket  
16           license, including through a bankruptcy  
17           proceeding or other legal action, shall be  
18           distributed to copyright owners based on  
19           available usage information and in accord-  
20           ance with the procedures described in sub-  
21           clauses (I) and (II) of clause (i), on a pro  
22           rata basis in proportion to the overall per-  
23           centage recovery of the total royalties owed,  
24           with any pro rata share of royalties that  
25           cannot be distributed deposited in an inter-

1 *est-bearing account as provided in subpara-*  
2 *graph (H)(ii).*

3 “(H) *HOLDING OF ACCRUED ROYALTIES.*—

4 “(i) *HOLDING PERIOD.*—*The mechan-*  
5 *ical licensing collective shall hold accrued*  
6 *royalties associated with particular musical*  
7 *works (and shares of works) that remain*  
8 *unmatched for a period of not less than 3*  
9 *years after the date on which the funds were*  
10 *received by the mechanical licensing collec-*  
11 *tive, or not less than 3 years after the date*  
12 *on which the funds were accrued by a dig-*  
13 *ital music provider that subsequently trans-*  
14 *ferred such funds to the mechanical licens-*  
15 *ing collective pursuant to paragraph*  
16 *(10)(B), whichever period expires sooner.*

17 “(ii) *INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT.*—

18 *Accrued royalties for unmatched works (and*  
19 *shares thereof) shall be maintained by the*  
20 *mechanical licensing collective in an inter-*  
21 *est-bearing account that earns monthly in-*  
22 *terest—*

23 “(I) *at the Federal, short-term*  
24 *rate; and*



1                   “(II) that accrues for the benefit  
2                   of copyright owners entitled to pay-  
3                   ment of such accrued royalties.

4                   “(I) *MUSICAL WORKS CLAIMING PROCESS.*—  
5                   When a copyright owner of an unmatched work  
6                   (or share of a work) has been identified and lo-  
7                   cated in accordance with the procedures of the  
8                   mechanical licensing collective, the collective  
9                   shall—

10                   “(i) update the musical works database  
11                   and the other records of the collective ac-  
12                   cordingly; and

13                   “(ii) provided that accrued royalties  
14                   for the musical work (or share thereof) have  
15                   not yet been included in a distribution pur-  
16                   suant to subparagraph (J)(i), pay such ac-  
17                   crued royalties and a proportionate amount  
18                   of accrued interest associated with that  
19                   work (or share thereof) to the copyright  
20                   owner, accompanied by a cumulative state-  
21                   ment of account reflecting usage of such  
22                   work and accrued royalties based on infor-  
23                   mation provided by digital music providers  
24                   to the mechanical licensing collective.

1                   “(J) *DISTRIBUTION OF UNCLAIMED AC-*  
2                   *CRUED ROYALTIES.—*

3                   “(i) *DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES.—*  
4                   *After the expiration of the prescribed hold-*  
5                   *ing period for accrued royalties provided in*  
6                   *subparagraph (H)(i), the mechanical licens-*  
7                   *ing collective shall distribute such accrued*  
8                   *royalties, along with a proportionate share*  
9                   *of accrued interest, to copyright owners*  
10                   *identified in the records of the collective,*  
11                   *subject to the following requirements, and in*  
12                   *accordance with the policies and procedures*  
13                   *established under clause (ii):*

14                   “(I) *The first such distribution*  
15                   *shall occur on or after January 1 of*  
16                   *the second full calendar year to com-*  
17                   *mence after the license availability*  
18                   *date, with not less than 1 such dis-*  
19                   *tribution to take place during each cal-*  
20                   *endar year thereafter.*

21                   “(II) *Copyright owners’ payment*  
22                   *shares for unclaimed accrued royalties*  
23                   *for particular reporting periods shall*  
24                   *be determined in a transparent and eq-*  
25                   *uitable manner based on data indi-*

1            *cating the relative market shares of*  
2            *such copyright owners as reflected in*  
3            *reports of usage provided by digital*  
4            *music providers for covered activities*  
5            *for the periods in question, including,*  
6            *in addition to usage data provided to*  
7            *the mechanical licensing collective,*  
8            *usage data provided to copyright own-*  
9            *ers under voluntary licenses and indi-*  
10           *vidual download licenses for covered*  
11           *activities, to the extent such informa-*  
12           *tion is available to the mechanical li-*  
13           *censing collective. In furtherance of the*  
14           *determination of equitable market*  
15           *shares under this subparagraph—*

16                    *“(aa) the mechanical licens-*  
17                    *ing collective may require copy-*  
18                    *right owners seeking distributions*  
19                    *of unclaimed accrued royalties to*  
20                    *provide, or direct the provision of,*  
21                    *information concerning the usage*  
22                    *of musical works under voluntary*  
23                    *licenses and individual download*  
24                    *licenses for covered activities; and*

1                   “(bb) the mechanical licens-  
2                   ing collective shall take appro-  
3                   priate steps to safeguard the con-  
4                   fidentiality and security of usage,  
5                   financial, and other sensitive data  
6                   used to compute market shares in  
7                   accordance with the confiden-  
8                   tiality provisions prescribed by  
9                   the Register of Copyrights under  
10                  paragraph (12)(C).

11                  “(ii) *ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRIBUTION*  
12                  *POLICIES.*—The unclaimed royalties  
13                  oversight committee established under sub-  
14                  paragraph (D)(v) shall establish policies  
15                  and procedures for the distribution of un-  
16                  claimed accrued royalties and accrued in-  
17                  terest in accordance with this subpara-  
18                  graph, including the provision of usage data  
19                  to copyright owners to allocate payments  
20                  and credits to songwriters pursuant to  
21                  clause (iv), subject to the approval of the  
22                  board of directors of the mechanical licens-  
23                  ing collective.

1                   “(iii) *PUBLIC NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED*  
2                   *ACCRUED ROYALTIES.*—*The mechanical li-*  
3                   *censing collective shall—*

4                   “(I) *maintain a publicly acces-*  
5                   *sible online facility with contact infor-*  
6                   *mation for the collective that lists un-*  
7                   *matched musical works (and shares of*  
8                   *works), through which a copyright*  
9                   *owner may assert an ownership claim*  
10                  *with respect to such a work (and a*  
11                  *share of such a work);*

12                  “(II) *engage in diligent, good-*  
13                  *faith efforts to publicize, throughout the*  
14                  *music industry—*

15                  “(aa) *the existence of the col-*  
16                  *lective and the ability to claim*  
17                  *unclaimed accrued royalties for*  
18                  *unmatched musical works (and*  
19                  *shares of such works) held by the*  
20                  *collective;*

21                  “(bb) *the procedures by*  
22                  *which copyright owners may iden-*  
23                  *tify themselves and provide con-*  
24                  *tact, ownership, and other rel-*  
25                  *evant information to the collective*

1 *in order to receive payments of*  
2 *accrued royalties;*

3 *“(cc) any transfer of accrued*  
4 *royalties for musical works under*  
5 *paragraph (10)(B), not later than*  
6 *180 days after the date on which*  
7 *the transfer is received; and*

8 *“(dd) any pending distribu-*  
9 *tion of unclaimed accrued roy-*  
10 *alties and accrued interest, not less*  
11 *than 90 days before the date on*  
12 *which the distribution is made;*  
13 *and*

14 *“(III) as appropriate, participate*  
15 *in music industry conferences and*  
16 *events for the purpose of publicizing*  
17 *the matters described in subclause (II).*

18 *“(iv) SONGWRITER PAYMENTS.—Copy-*  
19 *right owners that receive a distribution of*  
20 *unclaimed accrued royalties and accrued*  
21 *interest shall pay or credit a portion to*  
22 *songwriters (or the authorized agents of*  
23 *songwriters) on whose behalf the copyright*  
24 *owners license or administer musical works*  
25 *for covered activities, in accordance with*

1 applicable contractual terms, but notwith-  
2 standing any agreement to the contrary—

3 “(I) such payments and credits to  
4 songwriters shall be allocated in pro-  
5 portion to reported usage of individual  
6 musical works by digital music pro-  
7 viders during the reporting periods  
8 covered by the distribution from the  
9 mechanical licensing collective; and

10 “(II) in no case shall the payment  
11 or credit to an individual songwriter  
12 be less than 50 percent of the payment  
13 received by the copyright owner attrib-  
14 utable to usage of musical works (or  
15 shares of works) of that songwriter.

16 “(K) *DISPUTE RESOLUTION.*—The dispute  
17 resolution committee established under subpara-  
18 graph (D)(vi) shall establish policies and proce-  
19 dures—

20 “(i) for copyright owners to address in  
21 a timely and equitable manner disputes re-  
22 lating to ownership interests in musical  
23 works licensed under this section and allo-  
24 cation and distribution of royalties by the  
25 mechanical licensing collective, subject to

1           *the approval of the board of directors of the*  
2           *mechanical licensing collective;*

3           “(ii) *that shall include a mechanism to*  
4           *hold disputed funds in accordance with the*  
5           *requirements described in subparagraph*  
6           *(H)(ii) pending resolution of the dispute;*  
7           *and*

8           “(iii) *except as provided in paragraph*  
9           *(11)(D), that shall not affect any legal or*  
10           *equitable rights or remedies available to any*  
11           *copyright owner or songwriter concerning*  
12           *ownership of, and entitlement to royalties*  
13           *for, a musical work.*

14           “(L) *VERIFICATION OF PAYMENTS BY ME-*  
15           *CHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE.—*

16           “(i) *VERIFICATION PROCESS.—A copy-*  
17           *right owner entitled to receive payments of*  
18           *royalties for covered activities from the me-*  
19           *chanical licensing collective may, individ-*  
20           *ually or with other copyright owners, con-*  
21           *duct an audit of the mechanical licensing*  
22           *collective to verify the accuracy of royalty*  
23           *payments by the mechanical licensing col-*  
24           *lective to such copyright owner, as follows:*



1           “(I) A copyright owner may audit  
2           the mechanical licensing collective only  
3           once in a year for any or all of the 3  
4           calendar years preceding the year in  
5           which the audit is commenced, and  
6           may not audit records for any cal-  
7           endar year more than once.

8           “(II) The audit shall be conducted  
9           by a qualified auditor, who shall per-  
10          form the audit during the ordinary  
11          course of business by examining the  
12          books, records, and data of the mechan-  
13          ical licensing collective, according to  
14          generally accepted auditing standards  
15          and subject to applicable confiden-  
16          tiality requirements prescribed by the  
17          Register of Copyrights under para-  
18          graph (12)(C).

19          “(III) The mechanical licensing  
20          collective shall make such books,  
21          records, and data available to the  
22          qualified auditor and respond to rea-  
23          sonable requests for relevant informa-  
24          tion, and shall use commercially rea-  
25          sonable efforts to facilitate access to rel-

1            *evant information maintained by third*  
2            *parties.*

3            *“(IV) To commence the audit, any*  
4            *copyright owner shall file with the*  
5            *Copyright Office a notice of intent to*  
6            *conduct an audit of the mechanical li-*  
7            *censing collective, identifying the pe-*  
8            *riod of time to be audited, and shall si-*  
9            *multaneously deliver a copy of such*  
10           *notice to the mechanical licensing col-*  
11           *lective. The Register of Copyrights*  
12           *shall cause the notice of audit to be*  
13           *published in the Federal Register not*  
14           *later than 45 calendar days after the*  
15           *date on which the notice is received.*

16           *“(V) The qualified auditor shall*  
17           *determine the accuracy of royalty pay-*  
18           *ments, including whether an under-*  
19           *payment or overpayment of royalties*  
20           *was made by the mechanical licensing*  
21           *collective to each auditing copyright*  
22           *owner, except that, before providing a*  
23           *final audit report to any such copy-*  
24           *right owner, the qualified auditor shall*  
25           *provide a tentative draft of the report*

1           to the mechanical licensing collective  
2           and allow the mechanical licensing col-  
3           lective a reasonable opportunity to re-  
4           spond to the findings, including by  
5           clarifying issues and correcting factual  
6           errors.

7           “(VI) The auditing copyright  
8           owner or owners shall bear the cost of  
9           the audit. In case of an underpayment  
10          to any copyright owner, the mechan-  
11          ical licensing collective shall pay the  
12          amounts of any such underpayment to  
13          such auditing copyright owner, as ap-  
14          propriate. In case of an overpayment  
15          by the mechanical licensing collective,  
16          the mechanical licensing collective may  
17          debit the account of the auditing copy-  
18          right owner or owners for such over-  
19          paid amounts, or such owner or owners  
20          shall refund overpaid amounts to the  
21          mechanical licensing collective, as ap-  
22          propriate.

23          “(ii) *ALTERNATIVE VERIFICATION PRO-*  
24          *CEDURES.*—Nothing in this subparagraph  
25          shall preclude a copyright owner and the

1           *mechanical licensing collective from agree-*  
2           *ing to audit procedures different from those*  
3           *described in this subparagraph, except that*  
4           *a notice of the audit shall be provided to*  
5           *and published by the Copyright Office as*  
6           *described in clause (i)(IV).*

7           “(M) *RECORDS OF MECHANICAL LICENSING*  
8           *COLLECTIVE.—*

9           “(i) *RECORDS MAINTENANCE.—The*  
10           *mechanical licensing collective shall ensure*  
11           *that all material records of the operations of*  
12           *the mechanical licensing collective, includ-*  
13           *ing those relating to notices of license, the*  
14           *administration of the claims process of the*  
15           *mechanical licensing collective, reports of*  
16           *usage, royalty payments, receipt and main-*  
17           *tenance of accrued royalties, royalty dis-*  
18           *tribution processes, and legal matters, are*  
19           *preserved and maintained in a secure and*  
20           *reliable manner, with appropriate commer-*  
21           *cially reasonable safeguards against unau-*  
22           *thorized access, copying, and disclosure, and*  
23           *subject to the confidentiality requirements*  
24           *prescribed by the Register of Copyrights*  
25           *under paragraph (12)(C) for a period of not*

1           *less than 7 years after the date of creation*  
2           *or receipt, whichever occurs later.*

3           “(ii) *RECORDS ACCESS.*—*The mechan-*  
4           *ical licensing collective shall provide*  
5           *prompt access to electronic and other*  
6           *records pertaining to the administration of*  
7           *a copyright owner’s musical works upon*  
8           *reasonable written request of the owner or*  
9           *the authorized representative of the owner.*

10           “(4) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BLANKET LI-*  
11           *CENSE.*—*A blanket license is subject to, and condi-*  
12           *tioned upon, the following requirements:*

13           “(A) *ROYALTY REPORTING AND PAY-*  
14           *MENTS.*—

15           “(i) *MONTHLY REPORTS AND PAY-*  
16           *MENT.*—*A digital music provider shall re-*  
17           *port and pay royalties to the mechanical li-*  
18           *censing collective under the blanket license*  
19           *on a monthly basis in accordance with*  
20           *clause (ii) and subsection (c)(2)(I), except*  
21           *that the monthly reporting shall be due on*  
22           *the date that is 45 calendar days, rather*  
23           *than 20 calendar days, after the end of the*  
24           *monthly reporting period.*

1           “(i) *DATA TO BE REPORTED.*—*In re-*  
2           *porting usage of musical works to the me-*  
3           *chanical licensing collective, a digital music*  
4           *provider shall provide usage data for musi-*  
5           *cal works used under the blanket license and*  
6           *usage data for musical works used in cov-*  
7           *ered activities under voluntary licenses and*  
8           *individual download licenses. In the report*  
9           *of usage, the digital music provider shall—*

10                   “(I) *with respect to each sound re-*  
11                   *cording embodying a musical work—*

12                           “(aa) *provide identifying in-*  
13                           *formation for the sound recording,*  
14                           *including sound recording name,*  
15                           *featured artist, and, to the extent*  
16                           *acquired by the digital music pro-*  
17                           *vider in connection with its use of*  
18                           *sound recordings of musical works*  
19                           *to engage in covered activities, in-*  
20                           *cluding pursuant to subparagraph*  
21                           *(B), sound recording copyright*  
22                           *owner, producer, international*  
23                           *standard recording code, and*  
24                           *other information commonly used*  
25                           *in the industry to identify sound*

1                    *recordings and match them to the*  
2                    *musical works the sound record-*  
3                    *ings embody;*

4                    *“(bb) to the extent acquired*  
5                    *by the digital music provider in*  
6                    *the metadata provided by sound*  
7                    *recording copyright owners or*  
8                    *other licensors of sound recordings*  
9                    *in connection with the use of*  
10                   *sound recordings of musical works*  
11                   *to engage in covered activities, in-*  
12                   *cluding pursuant to subparagraph*  
13                   *(B), provide information con-*  
14                   *cerning authorship and ownership*  
15                   *of the applicable rights in the mu-*  
16                   *sical work embodied in the sound*  
17                   *recording (including each song-*  
18                   *writer, publisher name, and re-*  
19                   *spective ownership share) and the*  
20                   *international standard musical*  
21                   *work code; and*

22                   *“(cc) provide the number of*  
23                   *digital phonorecord deliveries of*  
24                   *the sound recording, including*

1                    *limited downloads and interactive*  
2                    *streams;*

3                    *“(II) identify and provide contact*  
4                    *information for all musical work copy-*  
5                    *right owners for works embodied in*  
6                    *sound recordings as to which a vol-*  
7                    *untary license, rather than the blanket*  
8                    *license, is in effect with respect to the*  
9                    *uses being reported; and*

10                    *“(III) provide such other informa-*  
11                    *tion as the Register of Copyrights shall*  
12                    *require by regulation.*

13                    *“(iii) FORMAT AND MAINTENANCE OF*  
14                    *REPORTS.—Reports of usage provided by*  
15                    *digital music providers to the mechanical*  
16                    *licensing collective shall be in a machine-*  
17                    *readable format that is compatible with the*  
18                    *information technology systems of the me-*  
19                    *chanical licensing collective and meets the*  
20                    *requirements of regulations adopted by the*  
21                    *Register of Copyrights. The Register shall*  
22                    *also adopt regulations setting forth require-*  
23                    *ments under which records of use shall be*  
24                    *maintained and made available to the me-*  
25                    *chanical licensing collective by digital*



1           *music providers engaged in covered activi-*  
2           *ties under a blanket license.*

3           “(iv) *ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.—*

4           *The Register of Copyrights shall adopt regu-*  
5           *lations—*

6                     “(I) *setting forth requirements*  
7                     *under which records of use shall be*  
8                     *maintained and made available to the*  
9                     *mechanical licensing collective by dig-*  
10                    *ital music providers engaged in cov-*  
11                    *ered activities under a blanket license;*  
12                    *and*

13                   “(II) *regarding adjustments to re-*  
14                    *ports of usage by digital music pro-*  
15                    *viders, including mechanisms to ac-*  
16                    *count for overpayment and under-*  
17                    *payment of royalties in prior periods.*

18           “(B) *COLLECTION OF SOUND RECORDING*  
19            *INFORMATION.—A digital music provider shall*  
20            *engage in good-faith, commercially reasonable ef-*  
21            *forts to obtain from sound recording copyright*  
22            *owners and other licensors of sound recordings*  
23            *made available through the service of such dig-*  
24            *ital music provider information concerning—*

1           “(i) sound recording copyright owners,  
2           producers, international standard recording  
3           codes, and other information commonly  
4           used in the industry to identify sound re-  
5           cordings and match them to the musical  
6           works the sound recordings embody; and

7           “(ii) the authorship and ownership of  
8           musical works, including songwriters, pub-  
9           lisher names, ownership shares, and inter-  
10          national standard musical work codes.

11          “(C) PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESS-  
12          MENT.—A digital music provider and any sig-  
13          nificant nonblanket licensee shall pay the admin-  
14          istrative assessment established under paragraph  
15          (7)(D) in accordance with this subsection and  
16          applicable regulations.

17          “(D) VERIFICATION OF PAYMENTS BY DIG-  
18          ITAL MUSIC PROVIDERS.—

19                 “(i) VERIFICATION PROCESS.—The me-  
20                 chanical licensing collective may conduct an  
21                 audit of a digital music provider operating  
22                 under the blanket license to verify the accu-  
23                 racy of royalty payments by the digital  
24                 music provider to the mechanical licensing  
25                 collective as follows:

1           “(I) *The mechanical licensing col-*  
2           *lective may commence an audit of a*  
3           *digital music provider not more fre-*  
4           *quently than once in any 3-calendar-*  
5           *year period to cover a verification pe-*  
6           *riod of not more than the 3 full cal-*  
7           *endar years preceding the date of com-*  
8           *mencement of the audit, and such*  
9           *audit may not audit records for any*  
10           *such 3-year verification period more*  
11           *than once.*

12           “(II) *The audit shall be conducted*  
13           *by a qualified auditor, who shall per-*  
14           *form the audit during the ordinary*  
15           *course of business by examining the*  
16           *books, records, and data of the digital*  
17           *music provider, according to generally*  
18           *accepted auditing standards and sub-*  
19           *ject to applicable confidentiality re-*  
20           *quirements prescribed by the Register*  
21           *of Copyrights under paragraph*  
22           *(12)(C).*

23           “(III) *The digital music provider*  
24           *shall make such books, records, and*  
25           *data available to the qualified auditor*

1                   *and respond to reasonable requests for*  
2                   *relevant information, and shall use*  
3                   *commercially reasonable efforts to pro-*  
4                   *vide access to relevant information*  
5                   *maintained with respect to a digital*  
6                   *music provider by third parties.*

7                   “(IV) *To commence the audit, the*  
8                   *mechanical licensing collective shall*  
9                   *file with the Copyright Office a notice*  
10                  *of intent to conduct an audit of the*  
11                  *digital music provider, identifying the*  
12                  *period of time to be audited, and shall*  
13                  *simultaneously deliver a copy of such*  
14                  *notice to the digital music provider.*  
15                  *The Register of Copyrights shall cause*  
16                  *the notice of audit to be published in*  
17                  *the Federal Register not later than 45*  
18                  *calendar days after the date on which*  
19                  *notice is received.*

20                  “(V) *The qualified auditor shall*  
21                  *determine the accuracy of royalty pay-*  
22                  *ments, including whether an under-*  
23                  *payment or overpayment of royalties*  
24                  *was made by the digital music pro-*  
25                  *vider to the mechanical licensing col-*

1           lective, except that, before providing a  
2           final audit report to the mechanical li-  
3           censing collective, the qualified auditor  
4           shall provide a tentative draft of the  
5           report to the digital music provider  
6           and allow the digital music provider a  
7           reasonable opportunity to respond to  
8           the findings, including by clarifying  
9           issues and correcting factual errors.

10           “(VI) The mechanical licensing  
11           collective shall pay the cost of the  
12           audit, unless the qualified auditor de-  
13           termines that there was an under-  
14           payment by the digital music provider  
15           of not less than 10 percent, in which  
16           case the digital music provider shall  
17           bear the reasonable costs of the audit,  
18           in addition to paying the amount of  
19           any underpayment to the mechanical  
20           licensing collective. In case of an over-  
21           payment by the digital music provider,  
22           the mechanical licensing collective shall  
23           provide a credit to the account of the  
24           digital music provider.

1                   “(VII) *A digital music provider*  
2                   *may not assert section 507 or any*  
3                   *other Federal or State statute of limi-*  
4                   *tations, doctrine of laches or estoppel,*  
5                   *or similar provision as a defense to a*  
6                   *legal action arising from an audit*  
7                   *under this subparagraph if such legal*  
8                   *action is commenced not more than 6*  
9                   *years after the commencement of the*  
10                   *audit that is the basis for such action.*

11                   “(ii) *ALTERNATIVE VERIFICATION PRO-*  
12                   *CEDURES.—Nothing in this subparagraph*  
13                   *shall preclude the mechanical licensing col-*  
14                   *lective and a digital music provider from*  
15                   *agreeing to audit procedures different from*  
16                   *those described in this subparagraph, except*  
17                   *that a notice of the audit shall be provided*  
18                   *to and published by the Copyright Office as*  
19                   *described in clause (i)(IV).*

20                   “(E) *DEFAULT UNDER BLANKET LI-*  
21                   *CENSE.—*

22                   “(i) *CONDITIONS OF DEFAULT.—A dig-*  
23                   *ital music provider shall be in default*  
24                   *under a blanket license if the digital music*  
25                   *provider—*

1           “(I) fails to provide 1 or more  
2           monthly reports of usage to the me-  
3           chanical licensing collective when due;

4           “(II) fails to make a monthly roy-  
5           alty or late fee payment to the mechan-  
6           ical licensing collective when due, in  
7           all or material part;

8           “(III) provides 1 or more monthly  
9           reports of usage to the mechanical li-  
10          censing collective that, on the whole, is  
11          or are materially deficient as a result  
12          of inaccurate, missing, or unreadable  
13          data, where the correct data was avail-  
14          able to the digital music provider and  
15          required to be reported under this sec-  
16          tion and applicable regulations;

17          “(IV) fails to pay the administra-  
18          tive assessment as required under this  
19          subsection and applicable regulations;  
20          or

21          “(V) after being provided written  
22          notice by the mechanical licensing col-  
23          lective, refuses to comply with any  
24          other material term or condition of the  
25          blanket license under this section for a

1                    *period of not less than 60 calendar*  
2                    *days.*

3                    “(ii) *NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND TERMI-*  
4                    *NATION.—In case of a default by a digital*  
5                    *music provider, the mechanical licensing*  
6                    *collective may proceed to terminate the*  
7                    *blanket license of the digital music provider*  
8                    *as follows:*

9                    “(I) *The mechanical licensing col-*  
10                    *lective shall provide written notice to*  
11                    *the digital music provider describing*  
12                    *with reasonable particularity the de-*  
13                    *fault and advising that unless such de-*  
14                    *fault is cured not later than 60 cal-*  
15                    *endar days after the date of the notice,*  
16                    *the blanket license will automatically*  
17                    *terminate at the end of that period.*

18                    “(II) *If the digital music provider*  
19                    *fails to remedy the default before the*  
20                    *end of the 60-day period described in*  
21                    *subclause (I), the license shall termi-*  
22                    *nate without any further action on the*  
23                    *part of the mechanical licensing collec-*  
24                    *tive. Such termination renders the*  
25                    *making of all digital phonorecord de-*



1                    *liveries of all musical works (and*  
2                    *shares thereof) covered by the blanket*  
3                    *license for which the royalty or admin-*  
4                    *istrative assessment has not been paid*  
5                    *actionable as acts of infringement*  
6                    *under section 501 and subject to the*  
7                    *remedies provided by sections 502*  
8                    *through 506.*

9                    “(iii) *NOTICE TO COPYRIGHT OWN-*  
10                  *ERS.—The mechanical licensing collective*  
11                  *shall provide written notice of any termi-*  
12                  *nation under this subparagraph to copy-*  
13                  *right owners of affected works.*

14                  “(iv) *REVIEW BY FEDERAL DISTRICT*  
15                  *COURT.—A digital music provider that be-*  
16                  *lieves a blanket license was improperly ter-*  
17                  *minated by the mechanical licensing collec-*  
18                  *tive may seek review of such termination in*  
19                  *an appropriate district court of the United*  
20                  *States. The district court shall determine*  
21                  *the matter de novo based on the record be-*  
22                  *fore the mechanical licensing collective and*  
23                  *any additional supporting evidence pre-*  
24                  *sented by the parties.*

25                  “(5) *DIGITAL LICENSEE COORDINATOR.—*

1           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The digital licensee co-*  
2           *ordinator shall be a single entity that—*

3                   “(i) *is a nonprofit, not owned by any*  
4                   *other entity, that is created to carry out re-*  
5                   *sponsibilities under this subsection;*

6                   “(ii) *is endorsed by and enjoys sub-*  
7                   *stantial support from digital music pro-*  
8                   *viders and significant nonblanket licensees*  
9                   *that together represent the greatest percent-*  
10                   *age of the licensee market for uses of musi-*  
11                   *cal works in covered activities, as measured*  
12                   *over the preceding 3 calendar years;*

13                   “(iii) *is able to demonstrate that it*  
14                   *has, or will have prior to the license avail-*  
15                   *ability date, the administrative capabilities*  
16                   *to perform the required functions of the dig-*  
17                   *ital licensee coordinator under this sub-*  
18                   *section; and*

19                   “(iv) *has been designated by the Reg-*  
20                   *ister of Copyrights, with the approval of the*  
21                   *Librarian of Congress pursuant to section*  
22                   *702, in accordance with subparagraph (B).*

23           “(B) *DESIGNATION OF DIGITAL LICENSEE*  
24           *COORDINATOR.*—

1           “(i) *INITIAL DESIGNATION.*—*The Reg-*  
2           *ister of Copyrights shall initially designate*  
3           *the digital licensee coordinator not later*  
4           *than 270 days after the enactment date, in*  
5           *accordance with the same procedure de-*  
6           *scribed for designation of the mechanical li-*  
7           *ensing collective in paragraph (3)(B)(i).*

8           “(ii) *PERIODIC REVIEW OF DESIGNA-*  
9           *TION.*—*Following the initial designation of*  
10           *the digital licensee coordinator, the Register*  
11           *of Copyrights shall, every 5 years, begin-*  
12           *ning with the fifth full calendar year to*  
13           *commence after the initial designation, de-*  
14           *termine whether the existing designation*  
15           *should be continued, or a different entity*  
16           *meeting the criteria described in clauses (i)*  
17           *through (iii) of subparagraph (A) should be*  
18           *designated, in accordance with the same*  
19           *procedure described for the mechanical li-*  
20           *ensing collective in paragraph (3)(B)(ii).*

21           “(iii) *INABILITY TO DESIGNATE.*—*If*  
22           *the Register of Copyrights is unable to iden-*  
23           *tify an entity that fulfills each of the quali-*  
24           *fications described in clauses (i) through*  
25           *(iii) of subparagraph (A) to serve as the*

1           *digital licensee coordinator, the Register*  
2           *may decline to designate a digital licensee*  
3           *coordinator. The determination of the Reg-*  
4           *ister not to designate a digital licensee coor-*  
5           *dinator shall not negate or otherwise affect*  
6           *any provision of this subsection except to*  
7           *the limited extent that a provision ref-*  
8           *erences the digital licensee coordinator. In*  
9           *such case, the reference to the digital li-*  
10           *cence coordinator shall be without effect*  
11           *unless and until a new digital licensee coor-*  
12           *dinator is designated.*

13           “(C) *AUTHORITIES AND FUNCTIONS.*—

14                   “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The digital licensee*  
15                   *coordinator is authorized to perform the fol-*  
16                   *lowing functions, subject to more particular*  
17                   *requirements as described in this subsection:*

18                           “(I) *Establish a governance struc-*  
19                           *ture, criteria for membership, and any*  
20                           *dues to be paid by its members.*

21                           “(II) *Engage in efforts to enforce*  
22                           *notice and payment obligations with*  
23                           *respect to the administrative assess-*  
24                           *ment, including by receiving informa-*

1            *tion from and coordinating with the*  
2            *mechanical licensing collective.*

3            *“(III) Initiate and participate in*  
4            *proceedings before the Copyright Roy-*  
5            *alty Judges to establish the adminis-*  
6            *trative assessment under this sub-*  
7            *section.*

8            *“(IV) Initiate and participate in*  
9            *proceedings before the Copyright Office*  
10           *with respect to activities under this*  
11           *subsection.*

12           *“(V) Gather and provide docu-*  
13           *mentation for use in proceedings before*  
14           *the Copyright Royalty Judges to set*  
15           *rates and terms under this section.*

16           *“(VI) Maintain records of its ac-*  
17           *tivities.*

18           *“(VII) Assist in publicizing the*  
19           *existence of the mechanical licensing*  
20           *collective and the ability of copyright*  
21           *owners to claim royalties for un-*  
22           *matched musical works (and shares of*  
23           *works) through the collective.*

24           *“(VIII) Engage in such other ac-*  
25           *tivities as may be necessary or appro-*

1                    *prate to fulfill its responsibilities*  
2                    *under this subsection.*

3                    “(ii) *RESTRICTION ON LOBBYING.—The*  
4                    *digital licensee coordinator may not engage*  
5                    *in government lobbying activities, but may*  
6                    *engage in the activities described in sub-*  
7                    *clauses (III), (IV), and (V) of clause (i).*

8                    “(iii) *ASSISTANCE WITH PUBLICITY*  
9                    *FOR UNCLAIMED ROYALTIES.—The digital*  
10                    *licensee coordinator shall make reasonable,*  
11                    *good-faith efforts to assist the mechanical li-*  
12                    *censing collective in the efforts of the collec-*  
13                    *tive to locate and identify copyright owners*  
14                    *of unmatched musical works (and shares of*  
15                    *such works) by encouraging digital music*  
16                    *providers to publicize the existence of the*  
17                    *collective and the ability of copyright own-*  
18                    *ers to claim unclaimed accrued royalties,*  
19                    *including by—*

20                    “(I) *posting contact information*  
21                    *for the collective at reasonably promi-*  
22                    *nent locations on digital music pro-*  
23                    *vider websites and applications; and*

24                    “(II) *conducting in-person out-*  
25                    *reach activities with songwriters.*

1           “(6) *REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNIFICANT NON-*  
2 *BLANKET LICENSEES.—*

3           “(A) *IN GENERAL.—*

4           “(i) *NOTICE OF ACTIVITY.—Not later*  
5 *than 45 calendar days after the license*  
6 *availability date, or 45 calendar days after*  
7 *the end of the first full calendar month in*  
8 *which an entity initially qualifies as a sig-*  
9 *nificant nonblanket licensee, whichever oc-*  
10 *curs later, a significant nonblanket licensee*  
11 *shall submit a notice of nonblanket activity*  
12 *to the mechanical licensing collective. The*  
13 *notice of nonblanket activity shall comply*  
14 *in form and substance with requirements*  
15 *that the Register of Copyrights shall estab-*  
16 *lish by regulation, and a copy shall be made*  
17 *available to the digital licensee coordinator.*

18           “(ii) *REPORTING AND PAYMENT OBLI-*  
19 *GATIONS.—The notice of nonblanket activity*  
20 *submitted to the mechanical licensing collec-*  
21 *tive shall be accompanied by a report of*  
22 *usage that contains the information de-*  
23 *scribed in paragraph (4)(A)(ii), as well as*  
24 *any payment of the administrative assess-*  
25 *ment required under this subsection and ap-*

1            *plicable regulations. Thereafter, subject to*  
2            *clause (iii), a significant nonblanket li-*  
3            *icensee shall continue to provide monthly re-*  
4            *ports of usage, accompanied by any re-*  
5            *quired payment of the administrative as-*  
6            *essment, to the mechanical licensing collec-*  
7            *tive. Such reports and payments shall be*  
8            *submitted not later than 45 calendar days*  
9            *after the end of the calendar month being*  
10           *reported.*

11           *“(iii) DISCONTINUATION OF OBLIGA-*  
12           *TIONS.—An entity that has submitted a no-*  
13           *tice of nonblanket activity to the mechanical*  
14           *licensing collective that has ceased to qual-*  
15           *ify as a significant nonblanket licensee may*  
16           *so notify the collective in writing. In such*  
17           *case, as of the calendar month in which*  
18           *such notice is provided, such entity shall no*  
19           *longer be required to provide reports of*  
20           *usage or pay the administrative assessment,*  
21           *but if such entity later qualifies as a sig-*  
22           *nificant nonblanket licensee, such entity*  
23           *shall again be required to comply with*  
24           *clauses (i) and (ii).*



1           “(B) *REPORTING BY MECHANICAL LICENS-*  
2           *ING COLLECTIVE TO DIGITAL LICENSEE COORDI-*  
3           *NATOR.*—

4           “(i) *MONTHLY REPORTS OF NON-*  
5           *COMPLIANT LICENSEES.*—*The mechanical*  
6           *licensing collective shall provide monthly re-*  
7           *ports to the digital licensee coordinator set-*  
8           *ting forth any significant nonblanket licens-*  
9           *ees of which the collective is aware that have*  
10          *failed to comply with subparagraph (A).*

11          “(ii) *TREATMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL*  
12          *INFORMATION.*—*The mechanical licensing*  
13          *collective and digital licensee coordinator*  
14          *shall take appropriate steps to safeguard the*  
15          *confidentiality and security of financial*  
16          *and other sensitive data shared under this*  
17          *subparagraph, in accordance with the con-*  
18          *fidentiality requirements prescribed by the*  
19          *Register of Copyrights under paragraph*  
20          *(12)(C).*

21          “(C) *LEGAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.*—

22          “(i) *FEDERAL COURT ACTION.*—*Should*  
23          *the mechanical licensing collective or digital*  
24          *licensee coordinator become aware that a*  
25          *significant nonblanket licensee has failed to*

1           *comply with subparagraph (A), either may*  
2           *commence an action in an appropriate dis-*  
3           *trict court of the United States for damages*  
4           *and injunctive relief. If the significant non-*  
5           *blanket licensee is found liable, the court*  
6           *shall, absent a finding of excusable neglect,*  
7           *award damages in an amount equal to*  
8           *three times the total amount of the unpaid*  
9           *administrative assessment and, notwith-*  
10          *standing anything to the contrary in sec-*  
11          *tion 505, reasonable attorney’s fees and*  
12          *costs, as well as such other relief as the*  
13          *court determines appropriate. In all other*  
14          *cases, the court shall award relief as appro-*  
15          *priate. Any recovery of damages shall be*  
16          *payable to the mechanical licensing collec-*  
17          *tive as an offset to the collective total costs.*

18           “(ii) *STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR*  
19           *ENFORCEMENT ACTION.—Any action de-*  
20           *scribed in this subparagraph shall be com-*  
21           *menced within the time period described in*  
22           *section 507(b).*

23           “(iii) *OTHER RIGHTS AND REMEDIES*  
24           *PRESERVED.—The ability of the mechanical*  
25           *licensing collective or digital licensee coordi-*

1           nator to bring an action under this sub-  
2           paragraph shall in no way alter, limit or  
3           negate any other right or remedy that may  
4           be available to any party at law or in eq-  
5           uity.

6           “(7) *FUNDING OF MECHANICAL LICENSING COL-*  
7           *LECTIVE.*—

8           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The collective total*  
9           *costs shall be funded by—*

10           “(i) *an administrative assessment, as*  
11           *such assessment is established by the Copy-*  
12           *right Royalty Judges pursuant to subpara-*  
13           *graph (D) from time to time, to be paid*  
14           *by—*

15           “(I) *digital music providers that*  
16           *are engaged, in all or in part, in cov-*  
17           *ered activities pursuant to a blanket li-*  
18           *cence; and*

19           “(II) *significant nonblanket li-*  
20           *cencees; and*

21           “(ii) *voluntary contributions from dig-*  
22           *ital music providers and significant non-*  
23           *blanket licensees as may be agreed with*  
24           *copyright owners.*

25           “(B) *VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.*—

1           “(i) *AGREEMENTS CONCERNING CON-*  
2           *TRIBUTIONS.—Except as provided in clause*  
3           *(ii), voluntary contributions by digital*  
4           *music providers and significant nonblanket*  
5           *licensees shall be determined by private ne-*  
6           *gotiation and agreement, and the following*  
7           *conditions apply:*

8                     “(I) *The date and amount of each*  
9                     *voluntary contribution to the mechan-*  
10                    *ical licensing collective shall be docu-*  
11                    *mented in a writing signed by an au-*  
12                    *thorized agent of the mechanical licens-*  
13                    *ing collective and the contributing*  
14                    *party.*

15                    “(II) *Such agreement shall be*  
16                    *made available as required in pro-*  
17                    *ceedings before the Copyright Royalty*  
18                    *Judges to establish or adjust the ad-*  
19                    *ministrative assessment in accordance*  
20                    *with applicable statutory and regu-*  
21                    *latory provisions and rulings of the*  
22                    *Copyright Royalty Judges.*

23           “(ii) *TREATMENT OF CONTRIBU-*  
24           *TIONS.—Each voluntary contribution de-*  
25           *scribed in clause (i) shall be treated for pur-*

1            *poses of an administrative assessment pro-*  
2            *ceeding as an offset to the collective total*  
3            *costs that would otherwise be recovered*  
4            *through the administrative assessment. Any*  
5            *allocation or reallocation of voluntary con-*  
6            *tributions between or among individual dig-*  
7            *ital music providers or significant non-*  
8            *blanket licensees shall be a matter of private*  
9            *negotiation and agreement among such par-*  
10           *ties and outside the scope of the administra-*  
11           *tive assessment proceeding.*

12           “(C) *INTERIM APPLICATION OF ACCRUED*  
13           *ROYALTIES.—In the event that the administra-*  
14           *tive assessment, together with any funding from*  
15           *voluntary contributions as provided in subpara-*  
16           *graphs (A) and (B), is inadequate to cover cur-*  
17           *rent collective total costs, the collective, with ap-*  
18           *proval of its board of directors, may apply un-*  
19           *claimed accrued royalties on an interim basis to*  
20           *defray such costs, subject to future reimburse-*  
21           *ment of such royalties from future collections of*  
22           *the assessment.*

23           “(D) *DETERMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE*  
24           *ASSESSMENT.—*

1           “(i) *ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT TO*  
2           *COVER COLLECTIVE TOTAL COSTS.*—*The ad-*  
3           *ministrative assessment shall be used solely*  
4           *and exclusively to fund the collective total*  
5           *costs.*

6           “(ii) *SEPARATE PROCEEDING BEFORE*  
7           *COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES.*—*The amount*  
8           *and terms of the administrative assessment*  
9           *shall be determined and established in a*  
10          *separate and independent proceeding before*  
11          *the Copyright Royalty Judges, according to*  
12          *the procedures described in clauses (iii) and*  
13          *(iv). The administrative assessment deter-*  
14          *mined in such proceeding shall—*

15                 “(I) *be wholly independent of roy-*  
16                 *alty rates and terms applicable to dig-*  
17                 *ital music providers, which shall not be*  
18                 *taken into consideration in any man-*  
19                 *ner in establishing the administrative*  
20                 *assessment;*

21                 “(II) *be established by the Copy-*  
22                 *right Royalty Judges in an amount*  
23                 *that is calculated to defray the reason-*  
24                 *able collective total costs;*

1           “(III) be assessed based on usage  
2 of musical works by digital music pro-  
3 viders and significant nonblanket li-  
4 censees in covered activities under both  
5 compulsory and nonblanket licenses;

6           “(IV) may be in the form of a  
7 percentage of royalties payable under  
8 this section for usage of musical works  
9 in covered activities (regardless of  
10 whether a different rate applies under  
11 a voluntary license), or any other  
12 usage-based metric reasonably cal-  
13 culated to equitably allocate the collec-  
14 tive total costs across digital music  
15 providers and significant nonblanket  
16 licensees engaged in covered activities,  
17 and shall include as a component a  
18 minimum fee for all digital music pro-  
19 viders and significant nonblanket li-  
20 censees; and

21           “(V) take into consideration an-  
22 ticipated future collective total costs  
23 and collections of the administrative  
24 assessment, including, as applicable—

1           “(aa) any portion of past ac-  
2           tual collective total costs of the  
3           mechanical licensing collective not  
4           funded by previous collections of  
5           the administrative assessment or  
6           voluntary contributions because  
7           such collections or contributions  
8           together were insufficient to fund  
9           such costs;

10           “(bb) any past collections of  
11           the administrative assessment and  
12           voluntary contributions that ex-  
13           ceeded past actual collective total  
14           costs, resulting in a surplus; and

15           “(cc) the amount of any vol-  
16           untary contributions by digital  
17           music providers or significant  
18           nonblanket licensees in relevant  
19           periods, described in subpara-  
20           graphs (A) and (B) of paragraph  
21           (7).

22           “(iii) INITIAL ADMINISTRATIVE AS-  
23           SESSMENT.—The procedure for establishing  
24           the initial administrative assessment shall  
25           be as follows:



1           “(I) Not later than 270 days after  
2           the enactment date, the Copyright Roy-  
3           alty Judges shall commence a pro-  
4           ceeding to establish the initial admin-  
5           istrative assessment by publishing a  
6           notice in the Federal Register seeking  
7           petitions to participate.

8           “(II) The mechanical licensing  
9           collective and digital licensee coordi-  
10          nator shall participate in the pro-  
11          ceeding described in subclause (I),  
12          along with any interested copyright  
13          owners, digital music providers or sig-  
14          nificant nonblanket licensees that have  
15          notified the Copyright Royalty Judges  
16          of their desire to participate.

17          “(III) The Copyright Royalty  
18          Judges shall establish a schedule for  
19          submission by the parties of informa-  
20          tion that may be relevant to estab-  
21          lishing the administrative assessment,  
22          including actual and anticipated col-  
23          lective total costs of the mechanical li-  
24          censing collective, actual and antici-  
25          pated collections from digital music

1            *providers and significant nonblanket*  
2            *licensees, and documentation of vol-*  
3            *untary contributions, as well as a*  
4            *schedule for further proceedings, which*  
5            *shall include a hearing, as the Copy-*  
6            *right Royalty Judges determine appro-*  
7            *priate.*

8            *“(IV) The initial administrative*  
9            *assessment shall be determined, and*  
10           *such determination shall be published*  
11           *in the Federal Register by the Copy-*  
12           *right Royalty Judges, not later than 1*  
13           *year after commencement of the pro-*  
14           *ceeding described in this clause. The*  
15           *determination shall be supported by a*  
16           *written record. The initial administra-*  
17           *tive assessment shall be effective as of*  
18           *the license availability date, and shall*  
19           *continue in effect unless and until an*  
20           *adjusted administrative assessment is*  
21           *established pursuant to an adjustment*  
22           *proceeding under clause (iv).*

23           *“(iv) ADJUSTMENT OF ADMINISTRA-*  
24           *TIVE ASSESSMENT.—The administrative as-*  
25           *essment may be adjusted by the Copyright*

1           *Royalty Judges periodically, in accordance*  
2           *with the following procedures:*

3                     “(I) *Not earlier than 1 year after*  
4                     *the most recent publication of a deter-*  
5                     *mination of the administrative assess-*  
6                     *ment by the Copyright Royalty Judges,*  
7                     *the mechanical licensing collective, the*  
8                     *digital licensee coordinator, or one or*  
9                     *more interested copyright owners, dig-*  
10                    *ital music providers, or significant*  
11                    *nonblanket licensees, may file a peti-*  
12                    *tion with the Copyright Royalty*  
13                    *Judges in the month of May to com-*  
14                    *mence a proceeding to adjust the ad-*  
15                    *ministrative assessment.*

16                    “(II) *Notice of the commencement*  
17                    *of such proceeding shall be published in*  
18                    *the Federal Register in the month of*  
19                    *June following the filing of any peti-*  
20                    *tion, with a schedule of requested infor-*  
21                    *mation and additional proceedings, as*  
22                    *described in clause (iii)(III). The me-*  
23                    *chanical licensing collective and digital*  
24                    *licensee coordinator shall participate*  
25                    *in such proceeding, along with any in-*

1            *terested copyright owners, digital*  
2            *music providers, or significant non-*  
3            *blanket licensees that have notified the*  
4            *Copyright Royalty Judges of their de-*  
5            *sire to participate.*

6            *“(III) The determination of the*  
7            *adjusted administrative assessment,*  
8            *which shall be supported by a written*  
9            *record, shall be published in the Fed-*  
10           *eral Register during June of the cal-*  
11           *endar year following the commence-*  
12           *ment of the proceeding. The adjusted*  
13           *administrative assessment shall take ef-*  
14           *fect January 1 of the year following*  
15           *such publication.*

16           *“(v) ADOPTION OF VOLUNTARY AGREE-*  
17           *MENTS.—In lieu of reaching their own de-*  
18           *termination based on evaluation of relevant*  
19           *data, the Copyright Royalty Judges shall*  
20           *approve and adopt a negotiated agreement*  
21           *to establish the amount and terms of the ad-*  
22           *ministrative assessment that has been*  
23           *agreed to by the mechanical licensing collec-*  
24           *tive and the digital licensee coordinator (or*  
25           *if none has been designated, interested dig-*

1            *ital music providers and significant non-*  
2            *blanket licensees representing more than*  
3            *half of the market for uses of musical works*  
4            *in covered activities), except that the Copy-*  
5            *right Royalty Judges shall have the discre-*  
6            *tion to reject any such agreement for good*  
7            *cause shown. An administrative assessment*  
8            *adopted under this clause shall apply to all*  
9            *digital music providers and significant*  
10           *nonblanket licensees engaged in covered ac-*  
11           *tivities during the period the administrative*  
12           *assessment is in effect.*

13           “(vi) CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO  
14           AMEND.—*The Copyright Royalty Judges*  
15           *shall retain continuing authority to amend*  
16           *a determination of an administrative as-*  
17           *essment to correct technical or clerical er-*  
18           *rors, or modify the terms of implementa-*  
19           *tion, for good cause, with any such amend-*  
20           *ment to be published in the Federal Reg-*  
21           *ister.*

22           “(vii) APPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE AS-  
23           SESSMENT.—*The determination of an ad-*  
24           *ministrative assessment by the Copyright*  
25           *Royalty Judges shall be appealable, not*

1 later than 30 calendar days after publica-  
2 tion in the Federal Register, to the Court of  
3 Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit  
4 by any party that fully participated in the  
5 proceeding. The administrative assessment  
6 as established by the Copyright Royalty  
7 Judges shall remain in effect pending the  
8 final outcome of any such appeal, and the  
9 mechanical licensing collective, digital li-  
10 censee coordinator, digital music providers,  
11 and significant nonblanket licensees shall  
12 implement appropriate financial or other  
13 measures not later than 90 days after any  
14 modification of the assessment to reflect and  
15 account for such outcome.

16 “(viii) REGULATIONS.—The Copyright  
17 Royalty Judges may adopt regulations to  
18 govern the conduct of proceedings under this  
19 paragraph.

20 “(8) ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES AND TERMS  
21 UNDER BLANKET LICENSE.—

22 “(A) RESTRICTIONS ON RATESETTING PAR-  
23 TICIPATION.—Neither the mechanical licensing  
24 collective nor the digital licensee coordinator  
25 shall be a party to a proceeding described in sub-

1           *section (c)(1)(E), except that the mechanical li-*  
2           *ensing collective or the digital licensee coordi-*  
3           *nator may gather and provide financial and*  
4           *other information for the use of a party to such*  
5           *a proceeding and comply with requests for infor-*  
6           *mation as required under applicable statutory*  
7           *and regulatory provisions and rulings of the*  
8           *Copyright Royalty Judges.*

9           “(B) *APPLICATION OF LATE FEES.—In any*  
10          *proceeding described in subparagraph (A) in*  
11          *which the Copyright Royalty Judges establish a*  
12          *late fee for late payment of royalties for uses of*  
13          *musical works under this section, such fee shall*  
14          *apply to covered activities under blanket licenses,*  
15          *as follows:*

16               “(i) *Late fees for past due royalty pay-*  
17               *ments shall accrue from the due date for*  
18               *payment until payment is received by the*  
19               *mechanical licensing collective.*

20               “(ii) *The availability of late fees shall*  
21               *in no way prevent a copyright owner or the*  
22               *mechanical licensing collective from assert-*  
23               *ing any other rights or remedies to which*  
24               *such copyright owner or the mechanical li-*

1           *censing collective may be entitled under this*  
2           *title.*

3           “(C) *INTERIM RATE AGREEMENTS IN GEN-*  
4           *ERAL.—For any covered activity for which no*  
5           *rate or terms have been established by the Copy-*  
6           *right Royalty Judges, the mechanical licensing*  
7           *collective and any digital music provider may*  
8           *agree to an interim rate and terms for such ac-*  
9           *tivity under the blanket license, and any such*  
10          *rate and terms—*

11           “(i) *shall be treated as nonprecedential*  
12           *and not cited or relied upon in any rate-*  
13           *setting proceeding before the Copyright Roy-*  
14           *alty Judges or any other tribunal; and*

15           “(ii) *shall automatically expire upon*  
16           *the establishment of a rate and terms for*  
17           *such covered activity by the Copyright Roy-*  
18           *alty Judges, under subsection (c)(1)(E).*

19           “(D) *ADJUSTMENTS FOR INTERIM RATES.—*  
20           *The rate and terms established by the Copyright*  
21           *Royalty Judges for a covered activity to which*  
22           *an interim rate and terms have been agreed*  
23           *under subparagraph (C) shall supersede the in-*  
24           *terim rate and terms and apply retroactively to*  
25           *the inception of the activity under the blanket li-*



1           *cense. In such case, not later than 90 days after*  
2           *the effective date of the rate and terms estab-*  
3           *lished by the Copyright Royalty Judges—*

4                     *“(i) if the rate established by the Copy-*  
5                     *right Royalty Judges exceeds the interim*  
6                     *rate, the digital music provider shall pay to*  
7                     *the mechanical licensing collective the*  
8                     *amount of any underpayment of royalties*  
9                     *due; or*

10                    *“(ii) if the interim rate exceeds the*  
11                    *rate established by the Copyright Royalty*  
12                    *Judges, the mechanical licensing collective*  
13                    *shall credit the account of the digital music*  
14                    *provider for the amount of any overpay-*  
15                    *ment of royalties due.*

16            “(9) *TRANSITION TO BLANKET LICENSES.—*

17                    “(A) *SUBSTITUTION OF BLANKET LI-*  
18                    *CENSE.—On the license availability date, a blan-*  
19                    *ket license shall, without any interruption in li-*  
20                    *cence authority enjoyed by such digital music*  
21                    *provider, be automatically substituted for and*  
22                    *supersede any existing compulsory license pre-*  
23                    *viously obtained under this section by the digital*  
24                    *music provider from a copyright owner to engage*  
25                    *in 1 or more covered activities with respect to a*

1           *musical work, except that such substitution shall*  
2           *not apply to any authority obtained from a*  
3           *record company pursuant to a compulsory li-*  
4           *cence to make and distribute permanent*  
5           *downloads unless and until such record company*  
6           *terminates such authority in writing to take ef-*  
7           *fect at the end of a monthly reporting period,*  
8           *with a copy to the mechanical licensing collec-*  
9           *tive.*

10           “(B) *EXPIRATION OF EXISTING LICENSES.—*  
11           *Except to the extent provided in subparagraph*  
12           *(A), on and after the license availability date, li-*  
13           *censes other than individual download licenses*  
14           *obtained under this section for covered activities*  
15           *prior to the license availability date shall no*  
16           *longer continue in effect.*

17           “(C) *TREATMENT OF VOLUNTARY LI-*  
18           *CENSES.—A voluntary license for a covered ac-*  
19           *tivity in effect on the license availability date*  
20           *will remain in effect unless and until the vol-*  
21           *untary license expires according to the terms of*  
22           *the voluntary license, or the parties agree to*  
23           *amend or terminate the voluntary license. In a*  
24           *case where a voluntary license for a covered ac-*  
25           *tivity entered into before the license availability*

1           *date incorporates the terms of this section by ref-*  
 2           *erence, the terms so incorporated (but not the*  
 3           *rates) shall be those in effect immediately prior*  
 4           *to the license availability date, and those terms*  
 5           *shall continue to apply unless and until such*  
 6           *voluntary license is terminated or amended, or*  
 7           *the parties enter into a new voluntary license.*

8           “(D) *FURTHER ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICES*  
 9           *FOR COVERED ACTIVITIES BY COPYRIGHT OF-*  
 10           *FICE.—On and after the enactment date—*

11                   “(i) *the Copyright Office shall no*  
 12                   *longer accept notices of intention with re-*  
 13                   *spect to covered activities; and*

14                   “(ii) *notices of intention filed before*  
 15                   *the enactment date will no longer be effec-*  
 16                   *tive or provide license authority with re-*  
 17                   *spect to covered activities, except that, before*  
 18                   *the license availability date, there shall be*  
 19                   *no liability under section 501 for the repro-*  
 20                   *duction or distribution of a musical work*  
 21                   *(or share thereof) in covered activities if a*  
 22                   *valid notice of intention was filed for such*  
 23                   *work (or share) before the enactment date.*

24           “(10) *PRIOR UNLICENSED USES.—*

1           “(A) *LIMITATION ON LIABILITY IN GEN-*  
2           *ERAL.—A copyright owner that commences an*  
3           *action under section 501 on or after January 1,*  
4           *2018, against a digital music provider for the*  
5           *infringement of the exclusive rights provided by*  
6           *paragraph (1) or (3) of section 106 arising from*  
7           *the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of*  
8           *a musical work by such digital music provider*  
9           *in the course of engaging in covered activities*  
10           *prior to the license availability date, shall, as the*  
11           *copyright owner’s sole and exclusive remedy*  
12           *against the digital music provider, be eligible to*  
13           *recover the royalty prescribed under subsection*  
14           *(c)(1)(C) and chapter 8, from the digital music*  
15           *provider, provided that such digital music pro-*  
16           *vider can demonstrate compliance with the re-*  
17           *quirements of subparagraph (B), as applicable.*  
18           *In all other cases the limitation on liability*  
19           *under this subparagraph shall not apply.*

20           “(B) *REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITATION ON*  
21           *LIABILITY.—The following requirements shall*  
22           *apply on the enactment date and through the*  
23           *end of the period that expires 90 days after the*  
24           *license availability date to digital music pro-*

1           *viders seeking to avail themselves of the limita-*  
2           *tion on liability described in subparagraph (A):*

3                   “(i) *Not later than 30 calendar days*  
4                   *after first making a particular sound re-*  
5                   *ording of a musical work available through*  
6                   *its service via one or more covered activi-*  
7                   *ties, or 30 calendar days after the enact-*  
8                   *ment date, whichever occurs later, a digital*  
9                   *music provider shall engage in good-faith,*  
10                   *commercially reasonable efforts to identify*  
11                   *and locate each copyright owner of such*  
12                   *musical work (or share thereof). Such re-*  
13                   *quired matching efforts shall include the fol-*  
14                   *lowing:*

15                           “(I) *Good-faith, commercially rea-*  
16                           *sonable efforts to obtain from the owner*  
17                           *of the corresponding sound recording*  
18                           *made available through the digital*  
19                           *music provider’s service the following*  
20                           *information:*

21                                   “(aa) *Sound recording name,*  
22                                   *featured artist, sound recording*  
23                                   *copyright owner, producer, inter-*  
24                                   *national standard recording code,*  
25                                   *and other information commonly*

1           *used in the industry to identify*  
2           *sound recordings and match them*  
3           *to the musical works they embody.*

4           “(bb) *Any available musical*  
5           *work ownership information, in-*  
6           *cluding each songwriter and pub-*  
7           *lisher name, percentage ownership*  
8           *share, and international standard*  
9           *musical work code.*

10          “(II) *Employment of 1 or more*  
11          *bulk electronic matching processes that*  
12          *are available to the digital music pro-*  
13          *vider through a third-party vendor on*  
14          *commercially reasonable terms, except*  
15          *that a digital music provider may rely*  
16          *on its own bulk electronic matching*  
17          *process if that process has capabilities*  
18          *comparable to or better than those*  
19          *available from a third-party vendor on*  
20          *commercially reasonable terms.*

21          “(ii) *The required matching efforts*  
22          *shall be repeated by the digital music pro-*  
23          *vider not less than once per month for so*  
24          *long as the copyright owner remains un-*  
25          *identified or has not been located.*

1           “(iii) If the required matching efforts  
2           are successful in identifying and locating a  
3           copyright owner of a musical work (or share  
4           thereof) by the end of the calendar month in  
5           which the digital music provider first makes  
6           use of the work, the digital music provider  
7           shall provide statements of account and pay  
8           royalties to such copyright owner in accord-  
9           ance with this section and applicable regu-  
10          lations.

11           “(iv) If the copyright owner is not  
12          identified or located by the end of the cal-  
13          endar month in which the digital music  
14          provider first makes use of the work, the  
15          digital music provider shall accrue and hold  
16          royalties calculated under the applicable  
17          statutory rate in accordance with usage of  
18          the work, from initial use of the work until  
19          the accrued royalties can be paid to the  
20          copyright owner or are required to be trans-  
21          ferred to the mechanical licensing collective,  
22          as follows:

23                   “(I) Accrued royalties shall be  
24                   maintained by the digital music pro-

1 *vider in accordance with generally ac-*  
2 *cepted accounting principles.*

3 *“(II) If a copyright owner of an*  
4 *unmatched musical work (or share*  
5 *thereof) is identified and located by or*  
6 *to the digital music provider before the*  
7 *license availability date, the digital*  
8 *music provider shall—*

9 *“(aa) not later than 45 cal-*  
10 *endar days after the end of the*  
11 *calendar month during which the*  
12 *copyright owner was identified*  
13 *and located, pay the copyright*  
14 *owner all accrued royalties, such*  
15 *payment to be accompanied by a*  
16 *cumulative statement of account*  
17 *that includes all of the informa-*  
18 *tion that would have been pro-*  
19 *vided to the copyright owner had*  
20 *the digital music provider been*  
21 *providing monthly statements of*  
22 *account to the copyright owner*  
23 *from initial use of the work in ac-*  
24 *cordance with this section and ap-*  
25 *licable regulations, including the*



1 requisite certification under sub-  
2 section (c)(2)(I);

3 “(bb) beginning with the ac-  
4 counting period following the cal-  
5 endar month in which the copy-  
6 right owner was identified and lo-  
7 cated, and for all other accounting  
8 periods prior to the license avail-  
9 ability date, provide monthly  
10 statements of account and pay  
11 royalties to the copyright owner  
12 as required under this section and  
13 applicable regulations; and

14 “(cc) beginning with the  
15 monthly royalty reporting period  
16 commencing on the license avail-  
17 ability date, report usage and pay  
18 royalties for such musical work  
19 (or share thereof) for such report-  
20 ing period and reporting periods  
21 thereafter to the mechanical li-  
22 censing collective, as required  
23 under this subsection and applica-  
24 ble regulations.

1           “(III) If a copyright owner of an  
2           unmatched musical work (or share  
3           thereof) is not identified and located by  
4           the license availability date, the digital  
5           music provider shall—

6                   “(aa) not later than 45 cal-  
7                   endar days after the license avail-  
8                   ability date, transfer all accrued  
9                   royalties to the mechanical licens-  
10                  ing collective, such payment to be  
11                  accompanied by a cumulative  
12                  statement of account that includes  
13                  all of the information that would  
14                  have been provided to the copy-  
15                  right owner had the digital music  
16                  provider been serving monthly  
17                  statements of account on the copy-  
18                  right owner from initial use of the  
19                  work in accordance with this sec-  
20                  tion and applicable regulations,  
21                  including the requisite certifi-  
22                  cation under subsection (c)(2)(I),  
23                  and accompanied by an addi-  
24                  tional certification by a duly au-  
25                  thorized officer of the digital

1           *music provider that the digital*  
2           *music provider has fulfilled the*  
3           *requirements of clauses (i) and*  
4           *(ii) of subparagraph (B) but has*  
5           *not been successful in locating or*  
6           *identifying the copyright owner;*  
7           *and*

8           “(bb) *beginning with the*  
9           *monthly royalty reporting period*  
10           *commencing on the license avail-*  
11           *ability date, report usage and pay*  
12           *royalties for such musical work*  
13           *(or share thereof) for such period*  
14           *and reporting periods thereafter to*  
15           *the mechanical licensing collective,*  
16           *as required under this subsection*  
17           *and applicable regulations.*

18           “(v) *A digital music provider that*  
19           *complies with the requirements of this sub-*  
20           *paragraph with respect to unmatched musi-*  
21           *cal works (or shares of works) shall not be*  
22           *liable for or accrue late fees for late pay-*  
23           *ments of royalties for such works until such*  
24           *time as the digital music provider is re-*  
25           *quired to begin paying monthly royalties to*

1           *the copyright owner or the mechanical li-*  
2           *censing collective, as applicable.*

3           “(C) *ADJUSTED STATUTE OF LIMITA-*  
4           *TIONS.—Notwithstanding anything to the con-*  
5           *trary in section 507(b), with respect to any*  
6           *claim of infringement of the exclusive rights pro-*  
7           *vided by paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 106*  
8           *against a digital music provider arising from*  
9           *the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of*  
10           *a musical work by such digital music provider*  
11           *in the course of engaging in covered activities*  
12           *that accrued not more than 3 years prior to the*  
13           *license availability date, such action may be*  
14           *commenced not later than the later of—*

15                   “(i) *3 years after the date on which the*  
16                   *claim accrued; or*

17                   “(ii) *2 years after the license avail-*  
18                   *ability date.*

19           “(D) *OTHER RIGHTS AND REMEDIES PRE-*  
20           *SERVED.—Except as expressly provided in this*  
21           *paragraph, nothing in this paragraph shall be*  
22           *construed to alter, limit, or negate any right or*  
23           *remedy of a copyright owner with respect to un-*  
24           *authorized use of a musical work.*

1           “(11) *LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR LICENSING AC-*  
2           *TIVITIES.—*—

3           “(A) *EXEMPTION FOR COMPULSORY LI-*  
4           *CENSE ACTIVITIES.—*The antitrust exemption de-  
5           scribed in subsection (c)(1)(D) shall apply to ne-  
6           gotiations and agreements between and among  
7           copyright owners and persons entitled to obtain  
8           a compulsory license for covered activities, and  
9           common agents acting on behalf of such copy-  
10          right owners or persons, including with respect  
11          to the administrative assessment established  
12          under this subsection.

13          “(B) *LIMITATION ON COMMON AGENT EX-*  
14          *EMPTION.—*Notwithstanding the antitrust ex-  
15          emption provided in subsection (c)(1)(D) and  
16          subparagraph (A) of this paragraph (except for  
17          the administrative assessment referenced in such  
18          subparagraph (A) and except as provided in  
19          paragraph (8)(C)), neither the mechanical licens-  
20          ing collective nor the digital licensee coordinator  
21          shall serve as a common agent with respect to the  
22          establishment of royalty rates or terms under  
23          this section.

24          “(C) *ANTITRUST EXEMPTION FOR ADMINIS-*  
25          *TRATIVE ACTIVITIES.—*Notwithstanding any pro-

1 *vision of the antitrust laws, copyright owners*  
2 *and persons entitled to obtain a compulsory li-*  
3 *cence under this section may designate the me-*  
4 *chanical licensing collective to administer vol-*  
5 *untary licenses for the reproduction or distribu-*  
6 *tion of musical works in covered activities on be-*  
7 *half of such copyright owners and persons, sub-*  
8 *ject to the following conditions:*

9 *“(i) Each copyright owner shall estab-*  
10 *lish the royalty rates and material terms of*  
11 *any such voluntary license individually and*  
12 *not in agreement, combination, or concert*  
13 *with any other copyright owner.*

14 *“(ii) Each person entitled to obtain a*  
15 *compulsory license under this section shall*  
16 *establish the royalty rates and material*  
17 *terms of any such voluntary license individ-*  
18 *ually and not in agreement, combination,*  
19 *or concert with any other digital music pro-*  
20 *vider.*

21 *“(iii) The mechanical licensing collec-*  
22 *tive shall maintain the confidentiality of*  
23 *the voluntary licenses in accordance with*  
24 *the confidentiality provisions prescribed by*

1           the Register of Copyrights under paragraph  
2           (12)(C).

3           “(D) *LIABILITY FOR GOOD-FAITH ACTIVITIES.*—The mechanical licensing collective shall  
4           not be liable to any person or entity based on a  
5           claim arising from its good-faith administration  
6           of policies and procedures adopted and imple-  
7           mented to carry out the responsibilities described  
8           in subparagraphs (J) and (K) of paragraph (3),  
9           except to the extent of correcting an under-  
10          payment or overpayment of royalties as provided  
11          in paragraph (3)(L)(i)(VI), but the collective  
12          may participate in a legal proceeding as a stake-  
13          holder party if the collective is holding funds  
14          that are the subject of a dispute between copy-  
15          right owners. For purposes of this subparagraph,  
16          the term ‘good-faith administration’ means ad-  
17          ministration in a manner that is not grossly  
18          negligent.

19          “(E) *PREEMPTION OF STATE PROPERTY*  
20          *LAWS.*—The holding and distribution of funds by  
21          the mechanical licensing collective in accordance  
22          with this subsection shall supersede and preempt  
23          any State law (including common law) con-  
24          cerning escheatment or abandoned property, or  
25

1           *any analogous provision, that might otherwise*  
2           *apply.*

3           “(F) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Except as*  
4           *expressly provided in this subsection, nothing in*  
5           *this subsection shall negate or limit the ability*  
6           *of any person to pursue an action in Federal*  
7           *court against the mechanical licensing collective*  
8           *or any other person based upon a claim arising*  
9           *under this title or other applicable law.*

10          “(12) *REGULATIONS.*—

11           “(A) *ADOPTION BY REGISTER OF COPY-*  
12           *RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES.*—*The*  
13           *Register of Copyrights may conduct such pro-*  
14           *ceedings and adopt such regulations as may be*  
15           *necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provi-*  
16           *sions of this subsection, except for regulations*  
17           *concerning proceedings before the Copyright Roy-*  
18           *alty Judges to establish the administrative as-*  
19           *essment, which shall be adopted by the Copy-*  
20           *right Royalty Judges.*

21           “(B) *JUDICIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS.*—  
22           *Except as provided in paragraph (7)(D)(vii),*  
23           *regulations adopted under this subsection shall*  
24           *be subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter*  
25           *7 of title 5.*



1           “(C) *PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFOR-*  
2           *MATION.—The Register of Copyrights shall adopt*  
3           *regulations to provide for the appropriate proce-*  
4           *dures to ensure that confidential, private, pro-*  
5           *prietary, or privileged information contained in*  
6           *the records of the mechanical licensing collective*  
7           *and digital licensee coordinator is not impro-*  
8           *perly disclosed or used, including through any*  
9           *disclosure or use by the board of directors or per-*  
10           *sonnel of either entity, and specifically including*  
11           *the unclaimed royalties oversight committee and*  
12           *the dispute resolution committee of the mechan-*  
13           *ical licensing collective.*

14           “(13) *SAVINGS CLAUSES.—*

15           “(A) *LIMITATION ON ACTIVITIES AND*  
16           *RIGHTS COVERED.—This subsection applies sole-*  
17           *ly to uses of musical works subject to licensing*  
18           *under this section. The blanket license shall not*  
19           *be construed to extend or apply to activities*  
20           *other than covered activities or to rights other*  
21           *than the exclusive rights of reproduction and dis-*  
22           *tribution licensed under this section, or serve or*  
23           *act as the basis to extend or expand the compul-*  
24           *sory license under this section to activities and*

1           *rights not covered by this section on the day be-*  
 2           *fore the enactment date.*

3           “(B) *RIGHTS OF PUBLIC PERFORMANCE*  
 4           *NOT AFFECTED.*—*The rights, protections, and*  
 5           *immunities granted under this subsection, the*  
 6           *data concerning musical works collected and*  
 7           *made available under this subsection, and the*  
 8           *definitions under subsection (e) shall not extend*  
 9           *to, limit, or otherwise affect any right of public*  
 10           *performance in a musical work.”; and*

11           *(5) by adding at the end the following:*

12           “(e) *DEFINITIONS.*—*As used in this section:*

13           “(1) *ACCRUED INTEREST.*—*The term ‘accrued*  
 14           *interest’ means interest accrued on accrued royalties,*  
 15           *as described in subsection (d)(3)(H)(ii).*

16           “(2) *ACCRUED ROYALTIES.*—*The term ‘accrued*  
 17           *royalties’ means royalties accrued for the reproduc-*  
 18           *tion or distribution of a musical work (or share there-*  
 19           *of) in a covered activity, calculated in accordance*  
 20           *with the applicable royalty rate under this section.*

21           “(3) *ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT.*—*The term*  
 22           *‘administrative assessment’ means the fee established*  
 23           *pursuant to subsection (d)(7)(D).*

24           “(4) *AUDIT.*—*The term ‘audit’ means a royalty*  
 25           *compliance examination to verify the accuracy of roy-*

1 *alty payments, or the conduct of such an examina-*  
 2 *tion, as applicable.*

3 “(5) *BLANKET LICENSE.*—*The term ‘blanket li-*  
 4 *cence’ means a compulsory license described in sub-*  
 5 *section (d)(1)(A) to engage in covered activities.*

6 “(6) *COLLECTIVE TOTAL COSTS.*—*The term ‘col-*  
 7 *lective total costs’—*

8 “(A) *means the total costs of establishing,*  
 9 *maintaining, and operating the mechanical li-*  
 10 *ensing collective to fulfill its statutory functions,*  
 11 *including—*

12 “(i) *startup costs;*

13 “(ii) *financing, legal, audit, and in-*  
 14 *surance costs;*

15 “(iii) *investments in information tech-*  
 16 *nology, infrastructure, and other long-term*  
 17 *resources;*

18 “(iv) *outside vendor costs;*

19 “(v) *costs of licensing, royalty admin-*  
 20 *istration, and enforcement of rights;*

21 “(vi) *costs of bad debt; and*

22 “(vii) *costs of automated and manual*  
 23 *efforts to identify and locate copyright own-*  
 24 *ers of musical works (and shares of such*  
 25 *musical works) and match sound recordings*

1           to the musical works the sound recordings  
2           embody; and

3           “(B) does not include any added costs in-  
4           curred by the mechanical licensing collective to  
5           provide services under voluntary licenses.

6           “(7) *COVERED ACTIVITY*.—The term ‘covered ac-  
7           tivity’ means the activity of making a digital phono-  
8           record delivery of a musical work, including in the  
9           form of a permanent download, limited download, or  
10          interactive stream, where such activity qualifies for a  
11          compulsory license under this section.

12          “(8) *DIGITAL MUSIC PROVIDER*.—The term ‘dig-  
13          ital music provider’ means a person (or persons oper-  
14          ating under the authority of that person) that, with  
15          respect to a service engaged in covered activities—

16               “(A) has a direct contractual, subscription,  
17               or other economic relationship with end users of  
18               the service, or, if no such relationship with end  
19               users exists, exercises direct control over the pro-  
20               vision of the service to end users;

21               “(B) is able to fully report on any revenues  
22               and consideration generated by the service; and

23               “(C) is able to fully report on usage of  
24               sound recordings of musical works by the service  
25               (or procure such reporting).

1           “(9) *DIGITAL LICENSEE COORDINATOR*.—The  
2           term ‘*digital licensee coordinator*’ means the entity  
3           most recently designated pursuant to subsection  
4           (d)(5).

5           “(10) *DIGITAL PHONORECORD DELIVERY*.—The  
6           term ‘*digital phonorecord delivery*’ means each indi-  
7           vidual delivery of a phonorecord by digital trans-  
8           mission of a sound recording that results in a specifi-  
9           cally identifiable reproduction by or for any trans-  
10          mission recipient of a phonorecord of that sound re-  
11          cording, regardless of whether the digital transmission  
12          is also a public performance of the sound recording  
13          or any musical work embodied therein, and includes  
14          a permanent download, a limited download, or an  
15          interactive stream. A digital phonorecord delivery  
16          does not result from a real-time, noninteractive sub-  
17          scription transmission of a sound recording where no  
18          reproduction of the sound recording or the musical  
19          work embodied therein is made from the inception of  
20          the transmission through to its receipt by the trans-  
21          mission recipient in order to make the sound record-  
22          ing audible. A digital phonorecord delivery does not  
23          include the digital transmission of sounds accom-  
24          panying a motion picture or other audiovisual work  
25          as defined in section 101.

1           “(11) *ENACTMENT DATE*.—The term ‘enactment  
2           *date*’ means the date of the enactment of the Musical  
3           *Works Modernization Act*.

4           “(12) *INDIVIDUAL DOWNLOAD LICENSE*.—The  
5           term ‘individual download license’ means a compul-  
6           sory license obtained by a record company to make  
7           and distribute, or authorize the making and distribu-  
8           tion of, permanent downloads embodying a specific  
9           individual musical work.

10           “(13) *INTERACTIVE STREAM*.—The term ‘inter-  
11           active stream’ means a digital transmission of a  
12           sound recording of a musical work in the form of a  
13           stream, where the performance of the sound recording  
14           by means of such transmission is not exempt under  
15           section 114(d)(1) and does not in itself, or as a result  
16           of a program in which it is included, qualify for stat-  
17           utory licensing under section 114(d)(2). An inter-  
18           active stream is a digital phonorecord delivery.

19           “(14) *INTERESTED*.—The term ‘interested’, as  
20           applied to a party seeking to participate in a pro-  
21           ceeding under subsection (d)(7)(D), is a party as to  
22           which the Copyright Royalty Judges have not deter-  
23           mined that the party lacks a significant interest in  
24           such proceeding.

1           “(15) *LICENSE AVAILABILITY DATE*.—The term  
2           ‘license availability date’ means January 1 following  
3           the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the  
4           enactment date.

5           “(16) *LIMITED DOWNLOAD*.—The term ‘limited  
6           download’ means a digital transmission of a sound  
7           recording of a musical work in the form of a  
8           download, where such sound recording is accessible for  
9           listening only for a limited amount of time or speci-  
10          fied number of times.

11          “(17) *MATCHED*.—The term ‘matched’, as ap-  
12          plied to a musical work (or share thereof), means that  
13          the copyright owner of such work (or share thereof)  
14          has been identified and located.

15          “(18) *MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE*.—  
16          The term ‘mechanical licensing collective’ means the  
17          entity most recently designated as such by the Reg-  
18          ister of Copyrights under subsection (d)(3).

19          “(19) *MECHANICAL LICENSING COLLECTIVE*  
20          *BUDGET*.—The term ‘mechanical licensing collective  
21          budget’ means a statement of the financial position of  
22          the mechanical licensing collective for a fiscal year or  
23          quarter thereof based on estimates of expenditures  
24          during the period and proposals for financing those

1        *expenditures, including a calculation of the collective*  
2        *total costs.*

3            “(20) *MUSICAL WORKS DATABASE.*—*The term*  
4        *‘musical works database’ means the database de-*  
5        *scribed in subsection (d)(3)(E).*

6            “(21) *NONPROFIT.*—*The term ‘nonprofit’ means*  
7        *a nonprofit created or organized in a State.*

8            “(22) *NOTICE OF LICENSE.*—*The term ‘notice of*  
9        *license’ means a notice from a digital music provider*  
10       *provided under subsection (d)(2)(A) for purposes of*  
11       *obtaining a blanket license.*

12           “(23) *NOTICE OF NONBLANKET ACTIVITY.*—*The*  
13       *term ‘notice of nonblanket activity’ means a notice*  
14       *from a significant nonblanket licensee provided under*  
15       *subsection (d)(6)(A) for purposes of notifying the me-*  
16       *chanical licensing collective that the licensee has been*  
17       *engaging in covered activities.*

18           “(24) *PERMANENT DOWNLOAD.*—*The term ‘per-*  
19       *manent download’ means a digital transmission of a*  
20       *sound recording of a musical work in the form of a*  
21       *download, where such sound recording is accessible for*  
22       *listening without restriction as to the amount of time*  
23       *or number of times it may be accessed.*

24           “(25) *QUALIFIED AUDITOR.*—*The term ‘qualified*  
25       *auditor’ means an independent, certified public ac-*



1       *countant with experience performing music royalty*  
2       *audits.*

3               “(26) *RECORD COMPANY.*—*The term ‘record com-*  
4       *pany’ means an entity that invests in, produces, and*  
5       *markets sound recordings of musical works, and dis-*  
6       *tributes such sound recordings for remuneration*  
7       *through multiple sales channels, including a corporate*  
8       *affiliate of such an entity engaged in distribution of*  
9       *sound recordings.*

10              “(27) *REPORT OF USAGE.*—*The term ‘report of*  
11       *usage’ means a report reflecting an entity’s usage of*  
12       *musical works in covered activities described in sub-*  
13       *section (d)(4)(A).*

14              “(28) *REQUIRED MATCHING EFFORTS.*—*The*  
15       *term ‘required matching efforts’ means efforts to iden-*  
16       *tify and locate copyright owners of musical works as*  
17       *described in subsection (d)(10)(B)(i).*

18              “(29) *SERVICE.*—*The term ‘service’, as used in*  
19       *relation to covered activities, means any site, facility,*  
20       *or offering by or through which sound recordings of*  
21       *musical works are digitally transmitted to members of*  
22       *the public.*

23              “(30) *SHARE.*—*The term ‘share’, as applied to a*  
24       *musical work, means a fractional ownership interest*  
25       *in such work.*

1           “(31) *SIGNIFICANT NONBLANKET LICENSEE.*—

2           *The term ‘significant nonblanket licensee’—*

3           “(A) *means an entity, including a group of*  
4           *entities under common ownership or control*  
5           *that, acting under the authority of one or more*  
6           *voluntary licenses or individual download li-*  
7           *licenses, offers a service engaged in covered activi-*  
8           *ties, and such entity or group of entities—*

9           “(i) *is not currently operating under a*  
10           *blanket license and is not obligated to pro-*  
11           *vide reports of usage reflecting covered ac-*  
12           *tivities under subsection (d)(4)(A);*

13           “(ii) *has a direct contractual, subscrip-*  
14           *tion, or other economic relationship with*  
15           *end users of the service or, if no such rela-*  
16           *tionship with end users exists, exercises di-*  
17           *rect control over the provision of the service*  
18           *to end users; and*

19           “(iii) *either—*

20           “(I) *on any day in a calendar*  
21           *month, makes more than 5,000 dif-*  
22           *ferent sound recordings of musical*  
23           *works available through such service;*  
24           *or*

1                   “(II) derives revenue or other con-  
2                   sideration in connection with such cov-  
3                   ered activities greater than \$50,000 in  
4                   a calendar month, or total revenue or  
5                   other consideration greater than  
6                   \$500,000 during the preceding 12 cal-  
7                   endar months; and

8                   “(B) does not include—

9                   “(i) an entity whose covered activity  
10                  consists solely of free-to-the-user streams of  
11                  segments of sound recordings of musical  
12                  works that do not exceed 90 seconds in  
13                  length, are offered only to facilitate a li-  
14                  censed use of musical works that is not a  
15                  covered activity, and have no revenue di-  
16                  rectly attributable to such streams consti-  
17                  tuting the covered activity; or

18                  “(ii) a ‘public broadcasting entity’ as  
19                  defined in section 118(f).

20                  “(32) SONGWRITER.—The term ‘songwriter’  
21                  means the author of all or part of a musical work,  
22                  including a composer or lyricist.

23                  “(33) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each  
24                  State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
25                  and each territory or possession of the United States.

1           “(34) *UNCLAIMED ACCRUED ROYALTIES.*—*The*  
2           *term ‘unclaimed accrued royalties’ means accrued*  
3           *royalties eligible for distribution under subsection*  
4           *(d)(3)(J).*”

5           “(35) *UNMATCHED.*—*The term ‘unmatched’, as*  
6           *applied to a musical work (or share thereof), means*  
7           *that the copyright owner of such work (or share there-*  
8           *of) has not been identified or located.*”

9           “(36) *VOLUNTARY LICENSE.*—*The term ‘vol-*  
10           *untary license’ means a license for use of a musical*  
11           *work (or share thereof) other than a compulsory li-*  
12           *cence obtained under this section.”.*”

13           **(b) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO***  
14           ***SECTION 801.***—*Section 801(b) of title 17, United States*  
15           *Code, is amended—*

16                   (1) *by redesignating paragraph (8) as para-*  
17                   *graph (9); and*

18                   (2) *by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-*  
19                   *lowing:*

20                           “(8) *To determine the administrative assessment*  
21                           *to be paid by digital music providers under section*  
22                           *115(d). The provisions of section 115(d) shall apply*  
23                           *to the conduct of proceedings by the Copyright Roy-*  
24                           *alty Judges under section 115(d) and not the proce-*

1       dures described in this section, or section 803, 804, or  
2       805.”.

3       (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDED RATE SETTING*  
4 *STANDARD.*—The amendments made by subsection (a)(3)  
5 and section 103(g)(2) shall apply to any proceeding before  
6 the Copyright Royalty Judges that is commenced on or after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

8       (d) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO*  
9 *TITLE 37, PART 385 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULA-*  
10 *TIONS.*—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment  
11 of this Act, the Copyright Royalty Judges shall amend the  
12 regulations for section 115 in part 385 of title 37, Code  
13 of Federal Regulations to conform the definitions used in  
14 such part to the definitions of the same terms described in  
15 section 115(e) of title 17, United States Code, as amended  
16 by subsection (a). In so doing, the Copyright Royalty  
17 Judges shall make adjustments to the language of the regu-  
18 lations as necessary to achieve the same purpose and effect  
19 as the original regulations with respect to the rates and  
20 terms previously adopted by the Copyright Royalty Judges.

21       (e) *COPYRIGHT OFFICE ACTIVITIES.*—The Register of  
22 Copyrights shall engage in public outreach and educational  
23 activities—

24               (1) regarding the amendments made by sub-  
25       section (a) to section 115 of title 17, United States

1       *Code, including the responsibilities of the mechanical*  
 2       *licensing collective designated under those amend-*  
 3       *ments;*

4           (2) *which shall include educating songwriters*  
 5       *and other interested parties with respect to the process*  
 6       *established under section 115(d)(3)(C)(i)(V) of title*  
 7       *17, United States Code, as added by subsection (a),*  
 8       *by which—*

9           (A) *a copyright owner may claim owner-*  
 10       *ship of musical works (and shares of such*  
 11       *works); and*

12           (B) *royalties for works for which the owner*  
 13       *is not identified or located shall be equitably dis-*  
 14       *tributed to known copyright owners; and*

15           (3) *which the Register shall make available on-*  
 16       *line.*

17       (f) *UNCLAIMED ROYALTIES STUDY AND RECOMMENDA-*  
 18       *TIONS.—*

19           (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after*  
 20       *the date on which the Register of Copyrights initially*  
 21       *designates the mechanical licensing collective under*  
 22       *section 115(d)(3)(B)(i) of title 17, United States*  
 23       *Code, as added by subsection (a)(4), the Register, in*  
 24       *consultation with the Comptroller General of the*  
 25       *United States, and after soliciting and reviewing*

1        *comments and relevant information from music in-*  
2        *dustry participants and other interested parties, shall*  
3        *submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-*  
4        *ate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House*  
5        *of Representatives a report that recommends best*  
6        *practices that the collective may implement in order*  
7        *to—*

8                *(A) identify and locate musical work copy-*  
9                *right owners with unclaimed accrued royalties*  
10               *held by the collective;*

11               *(B) encourage musical work copyright own-*  
12               *ers to claim the royalties of those owners; and*

13               *(C) reduce the incidence of unclaimed royal-*  
14               *ties.*

15               *(2) CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—*

16        *The mechanical licensing collective shall carefully*  
17        *consider, and give substantial weight to, the rec-*  
18        *ommendations submitted by the Register of Copy-*  
19        *rights under paragraph (1) when establishing the pro-*  
20        *cedures of the collective with respect to the—*

21               *(A) identification and location of musical*  
22               *work copyright owners; and*

23               *(B) distribution of unclaimed royalties.*

1 **SEC. 103. AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 114.**

2 (a) *UNIFORM RATE STANDARD.*—Section 114(f) of  
3 title 17, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and in-  
5 serting the following:

6 “(1)(A) Proceedings under chapter 8 shall deter-  
7 mine reasonable rates and terms of royalty payments  
8 for transmissions subject to statutory licensing under  
9 subsection (d)(2) during the 5-year period beginning  
10 on January 1 of the second year following the year  
11 in which the proceedings are to be commenced pursu-  
12 ant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 804(b)(3),  
13 as the case may be, or such other period as the parties  
14 may agree. The parties to each proceeding shall bear  
15 their own costs.

16 “(B) The schedule of reasonable rates and terms  
17 determined by the Copyright Royalty Judges shall,  
18 subject to paragraph (2), be binding on all copyright  
19 owners of sound recordings and entities performing  
20 sound recordings affected by this paragraph during  
21 the 5-year period specified in subparagraph (A), or  
22 such other period as the parties may agree. Such rates  
23 and terms shall distinguish among the different types  
24 of services then in operation and shall include a min-  
25 imum fee for each such type of service, such dif-  
26 ferences to be based on criteria including the quantity



1       *and nature of the use of sound recordings and the de-*  
2       *gree to which use of the service may substitute for or*  
3       *may promote the purchase of phonorecords by con-*  
4       *sumers. The Copyright Royalty Judges shall establish*  
5       *rates and terms that most clearly represent the rates*  
6       *and terms that would have been negotiated in the*  
7       *marketplace between a willing buyer and a willing*  
8       *seller. In determining such rates and terms, the Copy-*  
9       *right Royalty Judges—*

10               *“(i) shall base their decision on economic,*  
11               *competitive, and programming information pre-*  
12               *sented by the parties, including—*

13                       *“(I) whether use of the service may*  
14                       *substitute for or may promote the sales of*  
15                       *phonorecords or otherwise may interfere*  
16                       *with or may enhance the sound recording*  
17                       *copyright owner’s other streams of revenue*  
18                       *from the copyright owner’s sound record-*  
19                       *ings; and*

20                       *“(II) the relative roles of the copyright*  
21                       *owner and the transmitting entity in the*  
22                       *copyrighted work and the service made*  
23                       *available to the public with respect to rel-*  
24                       *ative creative contribution, technological*

1           *contribution, capital investment, cost, and*  
2           *risk; and*

3           “(i) *may consider the rates and terms for*  
4           *comparable types of audio transmission services*  
5           *and comparable circumstances under voluntary*  
6           *license agreements.*

7           “(C) *The procedures under subparagraphs (A)*  
8           *and (B) shall also be initiated pursuant to a petition*  
9           *filed by any sound recording copyright owner or any*  
10          *transmitting entity indicating that a new type of*  
11          *service on which sound recordings are performed is or*  
12          *is about to become operational, for the purpose of de-*  
13          *termining reasonable terms and rates of royalty pay-*  
14          *ments with respect to such new type of service for the*  
15          *period beginning with the inception of such new type*  
16          *of service and ending on the date on which the roy-*  
17          *alty rates and terms for eligible nonsubscription serv-*  
18          *ices and new subscription services, or preexisting sub-*  
19          *scription services and preexisting satellite digital*  
20          *audio radio services, as the case may be, most re-*  
21          *cently determined under subparagraph (A) or (B)*  
22          *and chapter 8 expire, or such other period as the par-*  
23          *ties may agree.”; and*

24                 (2) *by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and (5)*  
25                 *as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), respectively.*

1       (b) *REPEAL.*—*Subsection (i) of section 114 of title 17,*  
2 *United States Code, is repealed.*

3       (c) *USE IN MUSICAL WORK PROCEEDINGS.*—

4           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*License fees payable for the*  
5 *public performance of sound recordings under section*  
6 *106(6) of title 17, United States Code, shall not be*  
7 *taken into account in any administrative, judicial, or*  
8 *other governmental proceeding to set or adjust the*  
9 *royalties payable to musical work copyright owners*  
10 *for the public performance of their works except in*  
11 *such a proceeding to set or adjust royalties for the*  
12 *public performance of musical works by means of a*  
13 *digital audio transmission other than a transmission*  
14 *by a broadcaster, and may be taken into account only*  
15 *with respect to such digital audio transmission.*

16           (2) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this subsection:*

17           (A) *TRANSMISSION BY A BROADCASTER.*—  
18           *The term “transmission by a broadcaster” means*  
19 *a nonsubscription digital transmission made by*  
20 *a terrestrial broadcast station on its own behalf,*  
21 *or on the behalf of a terrestrial broadcast station*  
22 *under common ownership or control, that is not*  
23 *part of an interactive service or a music-inten-*  
24 *sive service comprising the transmission of sound*

1           *recordings customized for or customizable by re-*  
2           *ipients or service users.*

3           (B) *TERRESTRIAL BROADCAST STATION.*—

4           *The term “terrestrial broadcast station” means a*  
5           *terrestrial, over-the-air radio or television broad-*  
6           *cast station, including an FM translator (as de-*  
7           *fined in section 74.1201 of title 47, Code of Fed-*  
8           *eral Regulations, and licensed as such by the*  
9           *Federal Communications Commission) whose*  
10          *primary business activities are comprised of,*  
11          *and whose revenues are generated through, ter-*  
12          *restrial, over-the-air broadcast transmissions, or*  
13          *the simultaneous or substantially-simultaneous*  
14          *digital retransmission by the terrestrial, over-*  
15          *the-air broadcast station of its over-the-air*  
16          *broadcast transmissions.*

17          (d) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Subsection (c)(2) shall*  
18          *not be given effect in interpreting provisions of title 17,*  
19          *United States Code.*

20          (e) *USE IN SOUND RECORDING PROCEEDINGS.*—*The*  
21          *repeal of section 114(i) of title 17, United States Code, by*  
22          *subsection (b) shall not be taken into account in any pro-*  
23          *ceeding to set or adjust the rates and fees payable for the*  
24          *use of sound recordings under section 112(e) or 114(f) of*

1 *such title that is pending on, or commenced on or after,*  
2 *the date of the enactment of this Act.*

3 (f) *DECISIONS AND PRECEDENTS NOT AFFECTED.—*

4 *The repeal of section 114(i) of title 17, United States Code,*  
5 *by subsection (b) shall not have any effect upon the deci-*  
6 *sions, or the precedents established or relied upon, in any*  
7 *proceeding to set or adjust the rates and fees payable for*  
8 *the use of sound recordings under section 112(e) or 114(f)*  
9 *of such title before the date of the enactment of this Act.*

10 (g) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

11 (1) *SECTION 114.—Section 114(f) of title 17,*  
12 *United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), is*  
13 *further amended in paragraph (4)(C), as so redesign-*  
14 *ated, by striking “under paragraph (4)” and insert-*  
15 *ing “under paragraph (3)”.*

16 (2) *SECTION 801.—Section 801(b) of title 17,*  
17 *United States Code, is amended—*

18 (A) *in paragraph (1), by striking “The*  
19 *rates applicable” and all that follows though*  
20 *“prevailing industry practices.”; and*

21 (B) *in paragraph (7)(B), by striking*  
22 *“114(f)(3)” and inserting “114(f)(2)”.*

23 (3) *SECTION 803.—Section 803(c)(2)(E)(i)(II) of*  
24 *title 17, United States Code, is amended—*

25 (A) *by striking “or 114(f)(2)(C)”;* and

1                   (B) by striking “114(f)(4)(B)” and insert-  
2                   ing “114(f)(3)(B)”.

3                   (4) SECTION 804.—Section 804(b)(3)(C) of title  
4                   17, United States Code, is amended—

5                   (A) in clause (i), by striking “and  
6                   114(f)(2)(C)”;

7                   (B) in clause (iii)(II), by striking  
8                   “114(f)(4)(B)(ii)” and inserting  
9                   “114(f)(3)(B)(ii)”; and

10                  (C) in clause (iv), by striking “or  
11                  114(f)(2)(C), as the case may be”.

12                  (h) EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDED RATE SETTING  
13 STANDARD.—The amendments made by subsection (a)(1)  
14 shall apply to any proceeding before the Copyright Royalty  
15 Judges that is commenced on or after the date of the enact-  
16 ment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 104. RANDOM ASSIGNMENT OF RATE COURT PRO-**  
18 **CEEDINGS.**

19                  Section 137 of title 28, United States Code, is amend-  
20 ed—

21                  (1) by striking “The business” and inserting  
22                  “(a) IN GENERAL.—The business”; and

23                  (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
24                  section:

1       “(b) *RANDOM ASSIGNMENT OF RATE COURT PRO-*  
2 *CEEDINGS.*—

3               “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—

4                       “(A) *DETERMINATION OF LICENSE FEE.*—  
5                       *Except as provided in subparagraph (B), in the*  
6                       *case of any performing rights society subject to*  
7                       *a consent decree, any application for the deter-*  
8                       *mination of a license fee for the public perform-*  
9                       *ance of music in accordance with the applicable*  
10                      *consent decree shall be made in the district court*  
11                      *with jurisdiction over that consent decree and*  
12                      *randomly assigned to a judge of that district*  
13                      *court according to the rules of that court for the*  
14                      *division of business among district judges, pro-*  
15                      *vided that any such application shall not be as-*  
16                      *signed to—*

17                               “(i) *a judge to whom continuing juris-*  
18                               *isdiction over any performing rights society*  
19                               *for any performing rights society consent*  
20                               *decree is assigned or has previously been as-*  
21                               *signed; or*

22                               “(ii) *a judge to whom another pro-*  
23                               *ceeding concerning an application for the*  
24                               *determination of a reasonable license fee is*

1           *assigned at the time of the filing of the ap-*  
2           *plication.*

3           “(B) *EXCEPTION.*—*Subparagraph (A) does*  
4           *not apply to an application to determine reason-*  
5           *able license fees made by individual proprietors*  
6           *under section 513 of title 17.*

7           “(2) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in*  
8           *paragraph (1) shall modify the rights of any party to*  
9           *a consent decree or to a proceeding to determine rea-*  
10          *sonable license fees, to make an application for the*  
11          *construction of any provision of the applicable con-*  
12          *sent decree. Such application shall be referred to the*  
13          *judge to whom continuing jurisdiction over the appli-*  
14          *cable consent decree is currently assigned. If any such*  
15          *application is made in connection with a rate pro-*  
16          *ceeding, such rate proceeding shall be stayed until the*  
17          *final determination of the construction application.*  
18          *Disputes in connection with a rate proceeding about*  
19          *whether a licensee is similarly situated to another li-*  
20          *cencee shall not be subject to referral to the judge with*  
21          *continuing jurisdiction over the applicable consent de-*  
22          *cree.”.*



1 **SEC. 105. PERFORMING RIGHTS SOCIETY CONSENT DE-**  
2 **CREES.**

3 (a) *DEFINITION.*—*In this section, the term “per-*  
4 *forming rights society” has the meaning given the term in*  
5 *section 101 of title 17, United States Code.*

6 (b) *NOTIFICATION OF REVIEW.*—

7 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Department of Justice*  
8 *shall provide timely briefings upon request of any*  
9 *Member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the*  
10 *Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the*  
11 *House of Representatives regarding the status of a re-*  
12 *view in progress of a consent decree between the*  
13 *United States and a performing rights society.*

14 (2) *CONFIDENTIALITY AND DELIBERATIVE PROC-*  
15 *ESS.*—*In accordance with applicable rules relating to*  
16 *confidentiality and agency deliberative process, the*  
17 *Department of Justice shall share with such Members*  
18 *of Congress detailed and timely information and per-*  
19 *tinent documents related to the consent decree review.*

20 (c) *ACTION BEFORE MOTION TO TERMINATE.*—

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Before filing with the appro-*  
22 *priate district court of the United States a motion to*  
23 *terminate a consent decree between the United States*  
24 *and a performing rights society, including a motion*  
25 *to terminate a consent decree after the passage of a*

1 *specified period of time, the Department of Justice*  
2 *shall—*

3 *(A) notify Members of Congress and com-*  
4 *mittees of Congress described in subsection (b);*  
5 *and*

6 *(B) provide to such Members of Congress*  
7 *and committees information regarding the im-*  
8 *port of the proposed termination on the market*  
9 *for licensing the public performance of musical*  
10 *works should the motion be granted.*

11 *(2) NOTIFICATION.—*

12 *(A) IN GENERAL.—During the notification*  
13 *described in paragraph (1), and not later than*  
14 *90 days before the date on which the Department*  
15 *of Justice files with the appropriate district*  
16 *court of the United States a motion to terminate*  
17 *a consent decree between the United States and*  
18 *a performing rights society, the Department of*  
19 *Justice shall submit to the chairmen and rank-*  
20 *ing members of the Committee on the Judiciary*  
21 *of the Senate and the Committee on the Judici-*  
22 *ary of the House of Representatives a written no-*  
23 *tification of the intent of the Department of Jus-*  
24 *tice to file the motion.*

1           (B) *CONTENTS.*—*The notification provided*  
2           *in subparagraph (A) shall include a written re-*  
3           *port to the chairmen and ranking members of the*  
4           *Committee on the Judiciary of Senate and the*  
5           *Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-*  
6           *resentatives setting forth—*

7                   (i) *an explanation of the process used*  
8                   *by the Department of Justice to review the*  
9                   *consent decree;*

10                   (ii) *a summary of the public comments*  
11                   *received by the Department of Justice dur-*  
12                   *ing the review by the Department; and*

13                   (iii) *other information requested by*  
14                   *Congress under paragraph (1).*

15           (d) *SCOPE.*—*This section applies only to a consent de-*  
16           *cree between the United States and a performing rights soci-*  
17           *ety.*

18   **SEC. 106. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19           *This title, and the amendments made by this title,*  
20           *shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.*

1 **TITLE II—COMPENSATING LEG-**  
 2 **ACY ARTISTS FOR THEIR**  
 3 **SONGS, SERVICE, AND IMPOR-**  
 4 **TANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SO-**  
 5 **CIETY**

6 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

7 *This title may be cited as the “Compensating Legacy*  
 8 *Artists for their Songs, Service, and Important Contribu-*  
 9 *tions to Society Act” or the “CLASSICS Act”.*

10 **SEC. 202. UNAUTHORIZED DIGITAL PERFORMANCE OF PRE-**  
 11 **1972 SOUND RECORDINGS.**

12 *(a) PROTECTION FOR UNAUTHORIZED DIGITAL PER-*  
 13 *FORMANCES.—Title 17, United States Code, is amended by*  
 14 *adding at the end the following new chapter:*

15 **“CHAPTER 14—UNAUTHORIZED DIGITAL**  
 16 **PERFORMANCE OF PRE-1972 SOUND**  
 17 **RECORDINGS**

*“Sec.*

*“1401. Unauthorized digital performance of pre-1972 sound recordings.*

18 **“§ 1401. Unauthorized digital performance of pre-1972**  
 19 **sound recordings**

20 *“(a) UNAUTHORIZED ACTS.—Anyone who, before Feb-*  
 21 *ruary 15, 2067, and without the consent of the rights owner,*  
 22 *performs publicly, by means of a digital audio trans-*  
 23 *mission, a sound recording fixed on or after January 1,*  
 24 *1923, and before February 15, 1972, shall be subject to the*

1 *remedies provided in sections 502 through 505 to the same*  
2 *extent as an infringer of copyright.*

3       “(b) *CERTAIN AUTHORIZED TRANSMISSIONS.—A dig-*  
4 *ital audio transmission of a sound recording fixed on or*  
5 *after January 1, 1923, and before February 15, 1972, shall,*  
6 *for purposes of subsection (a), be considered to be authorized*  
7 *and made with the consent of the rights owner if—*

8               “(1) *the transmission is made by a transmitting*  
9 *entity that is publicly performing sound recordings*  
10 *fixed on or after February 15, 1972, by means of dig-*  
11 *ital audio transmissions subject to section 114;*

12               “(2) *the transmission would satisfy the require-*  
13 *ments for statutory licensing under section 114(d)(2),*  
14 *or would be exempt under section 114(d)(1), if the*  
15 *sound recording were fixed on or after February 15,*  
16 *1972;*

17               “(3) *in the case of a transmission that would not*  
18 *be exempt under section 114(d)(1) as described in*  
19 *paragraph (2), the transmitting entity pays statutory*  
20 *royalties and provides notice of its use of the relevant*  
21 *sound recording in the same manner as is required by*  
22 *regulations adopted by the Copyright Royalty Judges*  
23 *for sound recordings fixed on or after February 15,*  
24 *1972; and*

1           “(4) *in the case of a transmission that would not*  
2           *be exempt under section 114(d)(1) as described in*  
3           *paragraph (2), the transmitting entity otherwise sat-*  
4           *isfies the requirements for statutory licensing under*  
5           *section 114(f)(3)(B).*

6           “(c) *TRANSMISSIONS BY DIRECT LICENSING OF STAT-*  
7           *UTORY SERVICES.—*

8           “(1) *IN GENERAL.—A transmission of a sound*  
9           *recording fixed on or after January 1, 1923, and be-*  
10          *fore February 15, 1972, shall, for purposes of sub-*  
11          *section (a), be considered to be authorized and made*  
12          *with the consent of the rights owner if such trans-*  
13          *mission is included in a license agreement voluntarily*  
14          *negotiated at any time between the rights owner and*  
15          *the entity performing the sound recording.*

16          “(2) *PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES TO NONPROFIT*  
17          *COLLECTIVE.—To the extent that a license agreement*  
18          *described in paragraph (1) and entered into on or*  
19          *after the date of the enactment of this section extends*  
20          *to digital audio transmissions of a sound recording*  
21          *fixed on or after January 1, 1923, and before Feb-*  
22          *ruary 15, 1972, that meet the conditions of subsection*  
23          *(b), the licensee shall pay, to the collective designated*  
24          *to distribute receipts from the licensing of trans-*  
25          *missions in accordance with section 114(f), 50 percent*

1 *of the performance royalties for the transmissions due*  
2 *under the license, with such royalties fully credited as*  
3 *payments due under the license.*

4 “(3) *DISTRIBUTION OF ROYALTIES BY COLLEC-*  
5 *TIVE.—The collective described in paragraph (2)*  
6 *shall, in accordance with subparagraphs (B) through*  
7 *(D) of section 114(g)(2), and paragraphs (5) and (6)*  
8 *of section 114(g), distribute the royalties received*  
9 *under paragraph (2) under the license described in*  
10 *paragraph (2). Such payments shall be the only pay-*  
11 *ments to which featured and nonfeatured artists are*  
12 *entitled by virtue of the transmissions described in*  
13 *paragraph (2) under the license.*

14 “(4) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This subsection*  
15 *does not prohibit any other license from directing the*  
16 *licensee to pay other royalties due to featured and*  
17 *nonfeatured artists for such transmissions to the col-*  
18 *lective designated to distribute receipts from the li-*  
19 *censing of transmissions in accordance with section*  
20 *114(f).*

21 “(d) *RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAW.—*

22 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section shall*  
23 *be construed to annul or limit any rights or remedies*  
24 *under the common law or statutes of any State for*

1       *sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972, ex-*  
2       *cept, notwithstanding section 301(c), for the following:*

3               “(A) *This section preempts any claim of*  
4               *common law copyright or equivalent right under*  
5               *the laws of any State arising from any digital*  
6               *audio transmission that is made, on and after*  
7               *the date of the enactment of this section, of a*  
8               *sound recording fixed on or after January 1,*  
9               *1923, and before February 15, 1972.*

10              “(B) *This section preempts any claim of*  
11              *common law copyright or equivalent right under*  
12              *the laws of any State arising from any reproduc-*  
13              *tion that is made, on and after the date of the*  
14              *enactment of this section, of a sound recording*  
15              *fixed on or after January 1, 1923, and before*  
16              *February 15, 1972, and that would satisfy the*  
17              *requirements for statutory licensing under para-*  
18              *graphs (1) and (6) of section 112(e), if the sound*  
19              *recording were fixed on or after February 15,*  
20              *1972.*

21              “(C) *This section preempts any claim of*  
22              *common law copyright or equivalent right under*  
23              *the laws of any State arising from any digital*  
24              *audio transmission or reproduction that is*  
25              *made, before the date of the enactment of this sec-*



1            *tion, of a sound recording fixed on or after Jan-*  
2            *uary 1, 1923, and before February 15, 1972, if—*

3            *“(i) the digital audio transmission*  
4            *would have satisfied the requirements for*  
5            *statutory licensing under section 114(d)(2)*  
6            *or been exempt under section 114(d)(1), or*  
7            *the reproduction would have satisfied the re-*  
8            *quirements of section 112(e)(1), as the case*  
9            *may be, if the sound recording were fixed on*  
10           *or after February 15, 1972; and*

11           *“(ii) either—*

12           *“(I) except in the case of a trans-*  
13           *mission that would have been exempt*  
14           *under section 114(d)(1), the transmit-*  
15           *ting entity, not later than 270 days*  
16           *after the date of enactment of this sec-*  
17           *tion, pays statutory royalties and pro-*  
18           *vides notice of the use of the relevant*  
19           *sound recordings in the same manner*  
20           *as is required by regulations adopted*  
21           *by the Copyright Royalty Judges for*  
22           *sound recordings that are protected*  
23           *under this title for all the digital audio*  
24           *transmissions and reproductions satis-*  
25           *fying the requirements for statutory li-*

1           *censing under sections 112(e)(1) and*  
2           *114(d)(2) during the 3-year period*  
3           *ending on the date of enactment of this*  
4           *section; or*

5           “(II) *an agreement voluntarily*  
6           *negotiated between the rights owner*  
7           *and the entity performing the sound*  
8           *recording authorizes or waives liability*  
9           *for any such transmission or reproduc-*  
10          *tion and the transmitting entity has*  
11          *complied with all provisions of such*  
12          *agreement for any such transmission*  
13          *or reproduction.*

14           “(2) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR COMMON LAW*  
15          *COPYRIGHT.—For purposes of subparagraphs (A)*  
16          *through (C) of paragraph (1), a claim of common law*  
17          *copyright or equivalent right under the laws of any*  
18          *State includes a claim that characterizes conduct sub-*  
19          *ject to such subparagraphs as an unlawful distribu-*  
20          *tion, act of record piracy, or similar violation.*

21           “(3) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC PER-*  
22          *FORMANCE RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section shall be*  
23          *construed to recognize or negate the existence of public*  
24          *performance rights in sound recordings under the*  
25          *laws of any State.*

1       “(e) *LIMITATIONS ON REMEDIES.*—

2               “(1) *FAIR USE; USES BY LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES,*  
3       *AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.*—

4               “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The limitations on the*  
5       *exclusive rights of a copyright owner described in*  
6       *sections 107, 108, and 110 shall apply to a*  
7       *claim under subsection (a) of this section for the*  
8       *unauthorized performance of a sound recording*  
9       *fixed on or after January 1, 1923, and before*  
10       *February 15, 1972.*

11              “(B) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR SECTION*  
12       *108(H).*—*With respect to the application of sec-*  
13       *tion 108(h) to a claim for unauthorized perform-*  
14       *ance of a sound recording first fixed on or after*  
15       *January 1, 1923, and before February 15, 1972,*  
16       *under subsection (a) of this section, the phrase*  
17       *‘during the last 20 years of any term of copy-*  
18       *right of a published work’ in such section 108(h)*  
19       *shall be construed to mean at any time after the*  
20       *effective date of this section.*

21              “(2) *ACTIONS.*—*The limitations on actions de-*  
22       *scribed in section 507 shall apply to a claim under*  
23       *subsection (a) of this section for the unauthorized per-*  
24       *formance of a sound recording fixed on or after Janu-*  
25       *ary 1, 1923, and before February 15, 1972.*

1           “(3) *MATERIAL ONLINE.*—Section 512 shall  
2           *apply to a claim under subsection (a) for the unau-*  
3           *thorized performance of a sound recording fixed on or*  
4           *after January 1, 1923, and before February 15, 1972.*

5           “(4) *PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY.*—Principles of eq-  
6           *uity apply to remedies for a violation of this section*  
7           *to the same extent as such principles apply to rem-*  
8           *edies for infringement of copyright.*

9           “(5) *FILING REQUIREMENT FOR STATUTORY*  
10           *DAMAGES AND ATTORNEYS’ FEES.*—

11                   “(A) *FILING OF INFORMATION ON SOUND*  
12                   *RECORDINGS.*—

13                           “(i) *FILING REQUIREMENT.*—*Except in*  
14                           *the case of a transmitting entity that has*  
15                           *filed contact information for that transmit-*  
16                           *ting entity under subparagraph (B), in any*  
17                           *action under this section, an award of stat-*  
18                           *utory damages or of attorneys’ fees under*  
19                           *section 504 or 505 may be made with re-*  
20                           *spect to an unauthorized transmission of a*  
21                           *sound recording under subsection (a) of this*  
22                           *section only if—*

23                                   “(I) *the rights owner has filed*  
24                                   *with the Copyright Office a schedule*  
25                                   *that specifies the title, artist, and*

1           *rights owner of the sound recording*  
2           *and contains such other information,*  
3           *as practicable, as the Register of Copy-*  
4           *rights prescribes by regulation; and*

5           “(II) *the transmission is made*  
6           *after the end of the 90-day period be-*  
7           *ginning on the date on which the infor-*  
8           *mation filed under subclause (I) is in-*  
9           *dexed into the public records of the*  
10          *Copyright Office.*

11          “(i) *REGULATIONS.—Not later than*  
12          *180 days after the date of enactment of this*  
13          *section, the Register of Copyrights shall*  
14          *issue regulations establishing the form, con-*  
15          *tent, and procedures for the filing of sched-*  
16          *ules under clause (i). Such regulations shall*  
17          *provide that persons may request that they*  
18          *receive timely notification of such filings,*  
19          *and shall set forth the manner in which*  
20          *such requests may be made.*

21          “(B) *FILING OF CONTACT INFORMATION FOR*  
22          *TRANSMITTING ENTITIES.—*

23          “(i) *FILING REQUIREMENT.—Not later*  
24          *than 30 days after the date of enactment of*  
25          *this section, the Register of Copyrights shall*

1           *issue regulations establishing the form, con-*  
2           *tent, and procedures for the filing, by any*  
3           *entity that, as of the date of the enactment*  
4           *of this section, performs sound recordings*  
5           *fixed before February 15, 1972, by means of*  
6           *digital audio transmissions, of contact in-*  
7           *formation for such entity.*

8           “(ii) *TIME LIMIT ON FILINGS.*—*The*  
9           *Register of Copyrights may not accept fil-*  
10           *ings under clause (i) after the date that is*  
11           *180 days after the date of enactment of this*  
12           *section.*

13           “(iii) *LIMITATION ON STATUTORY DAM-*  
14           *AGES AND ATTORNEYS’ FEES.*—

15           “(I) *LIMITATION.*—*An award of*  
16           *statutory damages or of attorneys’ fees*  
17           *under section 504 or 505 may not be*  
18           *made, against an entity that has filed*  
19           *contact information for that entity*  
20           *under clause (i) of this subparagraph,*  
21           *with respect to an unauthorized trans-*  
22           *mission by that entity of a sound re-*  
23           *ording under subsection (a) of this*  
24           *section if the transmission is made not*  
25           *later than 90 days after the date on*

1           *which the entity receives a notice*  
2           *that—*

3                     *“(aa) is sent by or on behalf*  
4                     *of the rights owner of the sound*  
5                     *recording;*

6                     *“(bb) states that the entity is*  
7                     *not legally authorized to transmit*  
8                     *that sound recording under sub-*  
9                     *section (a); and*

10                    *“(cc) identifies the sound re-*  
11                    *coding in a schedule conforming*  
12                    *to the requirements prescribed by*  
13                    *the regulations issued under sub-*  
14                    *paragraph (A)(i).*

15                    *“(II)     UNDELIVERABLE     NO-*  
16                    *TICES.—In any case in which a notice*  
17                    *under subclause (I) is sent to an entity*  
18                    *by mail or courier service and the no-*  
19                    *tice is returned to the sender because*  
20                    *the entity either is no longer located at*  
21                    *the address provided in the contact in-*  
22                    *formation filed under clause (i) or has*  
23                    *refused to accept delivery, or the notice*  
24                    *is sent by electronic mail and is un-*  
25                    *deliverable, the 90-day period under*

1                    *subclause (I) shall begin on the date of*  
2                    *the attempted delivery.*

3                    “(C) SECTION 412.—Section 412 shall not  
4                    *limit an award of statutory damages under sec-*  
5                    *tion 504(c) or attorneys’ fees under section 505*  
6                    *with respect to an unauthorized transmission of*  
7                    *a sound recording under subsection (a) of this*  
8                    *section.*

9                    “(6) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS.—

10                    “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
11                    *graph (B), no provision of this title shall apply*  
12                    *to or limit the remedies available under this sec-*  
13                    *tion except as otherwise provided in this section.*

14                    “(B) APPLICABILITY OF DEFINITIONS.—Any  
15                    *term used in this section that is defined in sec-*  
16                    *tion 101 shall have the meaning given that term*  
17                    *in section 101.*

18                    “(f) APPLICATION OF SECTION 230 SAFE HARBOR.—  
19                    *For purposes of section 230 of the Communications Act of*  
20                    *1934 (47 U.S.C. 230), subsection (a) of this section shall*  
21                    *be considered to be a ‘law pertaining to intellectual prop-*  
22                    *erty’ under subsection (e)(2) of such section 230.*

23                    “(g) RIGHTS OWNER DEFINED.—In this section, the  
24                    *term ‘rights owner’ means the person who has the exclusive*



1 *right to reproduce a sound recording under the laws of any*  
 2 *State.”.*

3 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters*  
 4 *for title 17, United States Code, is amended by adding at*  
 5 *the end the following:*

*“14. Unauthorized Digital Performance of Pre-1972 Sound Recordings ... 1401”.*

6 **SEC. 203. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 *This title and the amendments made by this title shall*  
 8 *take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.*

9 **TITLE III—ALLOCATION FOR**  
 10 **MUSIC PRODUCERS**

11 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

12 *This title may be cited as the “Allocation for Music*  
 13 *Producers Act” or the “AMP Act”.*

14 **SEC. 302. PAYMENT OF STATUTORY PERFORMANCE ROYAL-**  
 15 **TIES.**

16 (a) *LETTER OF DIRECTION.—Section 114(g) of title*  
 17 *17, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end*  
 18 *the following new paragraph:*

19 *“(5) LETTER OF DIRECTION.—*

20 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—A nonprofit collective*  
 21 *designated by the Copyright Royalty Judges to*  
 22 *distribute receipts from the licensing of trans-*  
 23 *missions in accordance with subsection (f) shall*  
 24 *adopt and reasonably implement a policy that*  
 25 *provides, in circumstances determined by the col-*

1           lective to be appropriate, for acceptance of in-  
2           structions from a payee identified under sub-  
3           paragraph (A) or (D) of paragraph (2) to dis-  
4           tribute, to a producer, mixer, or sound engineer  
5           who was part of the creative process that created  
6           a sound recording, a portion of the payments to  
7           which the payee would otherwise be entitled from  
8           the licensing of transmissions of the sound re-  
9           cording. In this section, such instructions shall  
10          be referred to as a 'letter of direction'.

11                 “(B) ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER.—To the ex-  
12           tent that a collective described in subparagraph  
13           (A) accepts a letter of direction under that sub-  
14           paragraph, the person entitled to payment pur-  
15           suant to the letter of direction shall, during the  
16           period in which the letter of direction is in effect  
17           and carried out by the collective, be treated for  
18           all purposes as the owner of the right to receive  
19           such payment, and the payee providing the letter  
20           of direction to the collective shall be treated as  
21           having no interest in such payment.

22                 “(C) AUTHORITY OF COLLECTIVE.—This  
23           paragraph shall not be construed in such a man-  
24           ner so that the collective is not authorized to ac-  
25           cept or act upon payment instructions in cir-

1           *cumstances other than those to which this para-*  
2           *graph applies.”.*

3           **(b) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR RECORDINGS FIXED**  
4 *BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1995.—Section 114(g) of title 17,*  
5 *United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), is further*  
6 *amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

7           **“(6) SOUND RECORDINGS FIXED BEFORE NOVEM-**  
8           **BER 1, 1995.—**

9           **“(A) PAYMENT ABSENT LETTER OF DIREC-**  
10           **TION.—A nonprofit collective designated by the**  
11           **Copyright Royalty Judges to distribute receipts**  
12           **from the licensing of transmissions in accordance**  
13           **with subsection (f) (in this paragraph referred to**  
14           **as the ‘collective’) shall adopt and reasonably**  
15           **implement a policy that provides, in cir-**  
16           **cumstances determined by the collective to be ap-**  
17           **propriate, for the deduction of 2 percent of all**  
18           **the receipts that are collected from the licensing**  
19           **of transmissions of a sound recording fixed be-**  
20           **fore November 1, 1995, but which is withdrawn**  
21           **from the amount otherwise payable under para-**  
22           **graph (2)(D) to the recording artist or artists**  
23           **featured on the sound recording (or the persons**  
24           **conveying rights in the artists’ performance in**  
25           **the sound recording), and the distribution of**

1           *such amount to one or more persons described in*  
2           *subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, after deduc-*  
3           *tion of costs described in paragraph (3) or (4),*  
4           *as applicable, if each of the following require-*  
5           *ments is met:*

6                   “(i) *CERTIFICATION OF ATTEMPT TO*  
7                   *OBTAIN A LETTER OF DIRECTION.—The per-*  
8                   *son described in subparagraph (B) who is*  
9                   *to receive the distribution has certified to*  
10                  *the collective, under penalty of perjury,*  
11                  *that—*

12                           “(I) *for a period of not less than*  
13                           *120 days, that person made reasonable*  
14                           *efforts to contact the artist payee for*  
15                           *such sound recording to request and*  
16                           *obtain a letter of direction instructing*  
17                           *the collective to pay to that person a*  
18                           *portion of the royalties payable to the*  
19                           *featured recording artist or artists; and*

20                                   “(II) *during the period beginning*  
21                                   *on the date on which that person began*  
22                                   *the reasonable efforts described in sub-*  
23                                   *clause (I) and ending on the date of*  
24                                   *that person’s certification to the collec-*  
25                                   *tive, the artist payee did not affirm or*

1                   *deny in writing the request for a letter*  
2                   *of direction.*

3                   “(ii) *COLLECTIVE ATTEMPT TO CON-*  
4                   *TACT ARTIST.—After receipt of the certifi-*  
5                   *cation described in clause (i) and for a pe-*  
6                   *riod of not less than 120 days before the*  
7                   *first distribution by the collective to the per-*  
8                   *son described in subparagraph (B), the col-*  
9                   *lective attempts, in a reasonable manner as*  
10                   *determined by the collective, to notify the*  
11                   *artist payee of the certification made by the*  
12                   *person described in subparagraph (B).*

13                   “(iii) *NO OBJECTION RECEIVED.—The*  
14                   *artist payee does not, as of the date that*  
15                   *was 10 business days before the date on*  
16                   *which the first distribution is made, submit*  
17                   *to the collective in writing an objection to*  
18                   *the distribution.*

19                   “(B) *ELIGIBILITY FOR PAYMENT.—A person*  
20                   *shall be eligible for payment under subparagraph*  
21                   *(A) if the person—*

22                    “(i) *is a producer, mixer, or sound en-*  
23                    *gineer of the sound recording;*

24                    “(ii) *has entered into a written con-*  
25                    *tract with a record company involved in the*

1           *creation or lawful exploitation of the sound*  
2           *recording, or with the recording artist or*  
3           *artists featured on the sound recording (or*  
4           *the persons conveying rights in the artists’*  
5           *performance in the sound recording), under*  
6           *which the person seeking payment is enti-*  
7           *tled to participate in royalty payments that*  
8           *are based on the exploitation of the sound*  
9           *recording and are payable from royalties*  
10           *otherwise payable to the recording artist or*  
11           *artists featured on the sound recording (or*  
12           *the persons conveying rights in the artists’*  
13           *performance in the sound recording);*

14           *“(iii) made a creative contribution to*  
15           *the creation of the sound recording; and*

16           *“(iv) submits to the collective—*

17           *“(I) a written certification stat-*  
18           *ing, under penalty of perjury, that the*  
19           *person meets the requirements in*  
20           *clauses (i) through (iii); and*

21           *“(II) a true copy of the contract*  
22           *described in clause (ii).*

23           *“(C) MULTIPLE CERTIFICATIONS.—Subject*  
24           *to subparagraph (D), in a case in which more*  
25           *than one person described in subparagraph (B)*

1           *has met the requirements for a distribution*  
2           *under subparagraph (A) with respect to a sound*  
3           *recording as of the date that is 10 business days*  
4           *before the date on which the distribution is*  
5           *made, the collective shall divide the 2 percent*  
6           *distribution equally among all such persons.*

7           “(D) *OBJECTION TO PAYMENT.*—Not later  
8           *than 10 business days after the date on which*  
9           *the collective receives from the artist payee a*  
10           *written objection to a distribution made pursu-*  
11           *ant to subparagraph (A), the collective shall*  
12           *cease making any further payment relating to*  
13           *such distribution. In any case in which the col-*  
14           *lective has made one or more distributions pur-*  
15           *suant to subparagraph (A) to a person described*  
16           *in subparagraph (B) before the date that is 10*  
17           *business days after the date on which the collec-*  
18           *tive receives from the artist payee an objection to*  
19           *such distribution, the objection shall not affect*  
20           *that person’s entitlement to any distribution*  
21           *made before the collective ceases such distribution*  
22           *under this subparagraph.*

23           “(E) *OWNERSHIP OF THE RIGHT TO RE-*  
24           *CEIVE PAYMENTS.*—To the extent that the collec-  
25           *tive determines that a distribution will be made*

1           under subparagraph (A) to a person described in  
2           subparagraph (B), such person shall, during the  
3           period covered by such distribution, be treated  
4           for all purposes as the owner of the right to re-  
5           ceive such payments, and the artist payee to  
6           whom such payments would otherwise be payable  
7           shall be treated as having no interest in such  
8           payments.

9           “(F) *ARTIST PAYEE DEFINED.*—In this  
10          paragraph, the term ‘artist payee’ means a per-  
11          son, other than a person described in subpara-  
12          graph (B), who owns the right to receive all or  
13          part of the receipts payable under paragraph  
14          (2)(D) with respect to a sound recording. In a  
15          case in which there are multiple artist payees  
16          with respect to a sound recording, an objection  
17          by one such payee shall apply only to that pay-  
18          ee’s share of the receipts payable under para-  
19          graph (2)(D), and shall not preclude payment  
20          under subparagraph (A) from the share of an  
21          artist payee that does not so object.”.

22          (c) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—  
23          Section 114(g) of title 17, United States Code, as amended  
24          by subsections (a) and (b), is further amended—



1           (1) *in paragraph (2), by striking “An agent des-*  
2 *ignated” and inserting “Except as provided for in*  
3 *paragraph (6), a nonprofit collective designated by*  
4 *the Copyright Royalty Judges”;*

5           (2) *in paragraph (3)—*

6           (A) *by striking “nonprofit agent des-*  
7 *ignated” and inserting “nonprofit collective des-*  
8 *ignated by the Copyright Royalty Judges”;*

9           (B) *by striking “another designated agent”*  
10 *and inserting “another designated nonprofit col-*  
11 *lective”;* *and*

12           (C) *by striking “agent” and inserting “col-*  
13 *lective” each subsequent place it appears;*

14           (3) *in paragraph (4)—*

15           (A) *by striking “designated agent” and in-*  
16 *serting “nonprofit collective”;* *and*

17           (B) *by striking “agent” and inserting “col-*  
18 *lective” each subsequent place it appears;* *and*

19           (4) *by adding at the end the following new para-*  
20 *graph:*

21           “(7) *PREEMPTION OF STATE PROPERTY LAWS.—*

22 *The holding and distribution of receipts under section*  
23 *112 and this section by a nonprofit collective des-*  
24 *ignated by the Copyright Royalty Judges in accord-*  
25 *ance with this subsection and regulations adopted by*

1        *the Copyright Royalty Judges shall supersede and*  
2        *preempt any State law (including common law) con-*  
3        *cerning escheatment or abandoned property, or any*  
4        *analogous provision, that might otherwise apply.”.*

5        **SEC. 303. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6        *(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection*  
7        *(b), this title and the amendments made by this title shall*  
8        *take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.*

9        *(b) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraphs (5)(B)*  
10       *and (6)(E) of section 114(g) of title 17, United States Code,*  
11       *as added by section 302, shall take effect on January 1,*  
12       *2020.*



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