

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 169

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## AN ACT

To amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Artistic Recognition  
3 for Talented Students Act” or the “ARTS Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF FEES FOR WINNERS OF CERTAIN COM-**  
5 **PETITIONS.**

6 Section 708 of title 17, United States Code, is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(e)(1) In this subsection, the term ‘covered competi-  
9 tion’ means—

10 “(A) an art competition sponsored by the Con-  
11 gressional Institute that is open only to high school  
12 students; or

13 “(B) the competition established under section  
14 3 of House Resolution 77, 113th Congress, agreed  
15 to February 26, 2013.

16 “(2) With respect to a work that wins a covered com-  
17 petition, the Register of Copyrights—

18 “(A) shall waive the requirement under sub-  
19 section (a)(1) with respect to an application for reg-  
20 istration of a copyright claim for that work if that  
21 application is submitted to the Copyright Office not  
22 later than the last day of the calendar year following  
23 the year in which the work claimed by the applica-  
24 tion wins the covered competition (referred to in this  
25 paragraph as the ‘covered year’); and

1           “(B) may waive a fee described in subpara-  
2           graph (A) for an application submitted after the end  
3           of the covered year if the fee would have been  
4           waived under that subparagraph had the application  
5           been submitted before the last day of the covered  
6           year.”.

Passed the Senate July 13, 2021.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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