By the Committee on Criminal Justice and Senator Webster

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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to optical discs; providing definitions; requiring certain manufacturers of 3 4 optical discs to mark the discs with certain 5 information; providing penalties for failure to 6 comply; prohibiting certain activities 7 involving unmarked discs or discs on which the mark is altered; providing penalties; 8 9 prohibiting certain activities involving altering such marks; providing penalties; 10 providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this act, the term: 15 "Commercial purposes" means the manufacture of at 16 17 least 10 of the same or different optical discs in a 180-day period by storing information on the disc for purposes of sale 18 19 in this state by that person or other persons. 20 (b) "Manufacture" means replication of the physical 21 optical disc or production of the master used in any optical 22 disc replication process, but does not include the manufacture of optical discs for internal use, testing, or review or blank 23 24 optical discs. 25 (c) "Optical disc" means a disc capable of being read 26 by a laser or other light source on which data is stored in digital form, including, but not limited to, discs known as 27 28 compact discs, recordable compact discs, and digital video 29 discs. (d) "Identification mark" means the name of the 30

manufacturer and the state in which the disc was manufactured,

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or a unique identifier that identifies the place where an optical disc was manufactured.

- (2)(a) Each person who manufactures optical discs for commercial purposes shall permanently mark each manufactured optical disc with an identification mark. The identification mark shall be affixed by molding, diestamping, etching, or other permanent method in a manner in which it is clearly visible without the aid of magnification or special devices to read the mark. Any person who manufactures optical discs for commercial purposes without complying with this paragraph shall be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 for a first offense and a fine of up to \$50,000 for a second or subsequent offense.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, receive, transfer, or possess for purposes of sale or rental an optical disc knowing that the identification mark required by this section has been removed, defaced, covered, altered, or destroyed or knowing it was manufactured in this state without the required identification mark or with a false identification mark. Any person who buys, sells, receives, transfers, or possesses for purposes of sale or rental an optical disc knowing that the identification mark required by this section has been removed, defaced, covered, altered, or destroyed or knowing it was manufactured in this state without the required identification mark or with a false identification mark commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.
- (c) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly remove, deface, cover, alter, or destroy the identification mark required by this section. Any person who knowingly removes,

defaces, covers, alters, or destroys the identification mark required by this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of up to \$50,000, or both. Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 1308 Defines "identification mark." Provides that noncompliance with requirements regarding identification marks on an optical disc shall be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 for a first offense and a fine of up to \$50,000 for a second or subsequent offense.