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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RCS 3/25/2008

The Committee on Commerce (Oelrich) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection (6) of section 540.11, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 540.11 Unauthorized copying of phonograph records, disk, wire, tape, film, or other article on which sounds are recorded. --

- (3) (a) It is unlawful:
- 1. To sell or offer for sale or resale, advertise, cause the sale or resale of, rent, transport or cause to be rented or transported, or possess for any of these purposes any article with the knowledge, or with reasonable grounds to know, that the

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sounds thereon have been transferred without the consent of the owner.

- To sell or offer for sale or resale, advertise, cause the sale or resale of, rent, transport or cause to be rented or transported, or possess for any of these purposes any article embodying any performance, whether live before an audience or transmitted by wire or through the air by radio or television, which was recorded without the consent of the performer.
- 3. Knowingly, for commercial advantage or private financial gain to sell or resell, offer for sale or resale, advertise, cause the sale or resale of, rent, transport or cause to be rented or transported, or possess for such purposes, any phonograph record, disk, wire, tape, film, or other article on which sounds are recorded, unless the outside cover, box, or jacket clearly and conspicuously discloses the actual name and address of the manufacturer thereof, and the name of the actual performer or group.
- (b) 1. A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, by a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if the offense involves at least 1,000 unauthorized articles embodying sound or at least 65 unauthorized audiovisual articles during any 180-day period or is a second or subsequent conviction under either this subparagraph or subparagraph 2. of this subsection.
- 2. A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, by a fine of up to \$150,000, or both if the offense involves more than 100 but less than 1,000 unauthorized articles embodying sound or more than 7 but less than 65 unauthorized audiovisual articles during any 180-day period.

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- 3. A person who otherwise violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, by a fine of up to \$25,000, or both.
- 4. The court shall order a person who violates paragraph (a) to make restitution to an owner who suffered injury resulting from the violation, or to a trade association representing such owner, in accordance with s. 775.089. The amount of restitution shall be based on the average wholesale value of authorized articles corresponding to the number of unauthorized articles involved in the offense, unless a greater value can be proven. The order shall also include investigative costs relating to the offense.
 - (6) This section does not apply:
- To any broadcaster who, in connection with, or as part of, a radio, television, or cable broadcast transmission, or for the purpose of archival preservation, transfers any such sounds recorded on a sound recording.
- To any person who transfers such sounds in the home for personal use and without compensation for such transfer.
- (c) To any not-for-profit educational institution or any federal or state governmental entity, if all the following conditions exist:
- 1. The primary purpose of the institution or entity is the advancement of the public's knowledge and the dissemination of information.
- 2. Such purpose is clearly set forth in the institution's or entity's charter, bylaws, certificate of incorporation, or similar document.



- 3. Prior to the transfer of the sounds, the institution or entity has made a good faith effort to identify and locate the owner or owners of the articles to be transferred.
- 4. Despite good faith efforts, the owner or owners have not been located.
- (d) To communication service providers as defined in s. 202.11(2), commercial mobile service providers, and providers of information services, including, but not limited to, Internet access service providers and hosting service providers, when they provide only the transmission, storage, or caching of electronic communications or messages of others or provide other related telecommunications, commercial mobile radio service, or information services used by others in violation of this section. This exemption does not apply to providers of communication or information services that personally violate this section or knowingly facilitate the specific violation of this section by others.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to unauthorized copies of recordings; amending s. 540.11, F.S.; requiring a court to order a person who engages in the unauthorized sale, resale, rental, or transportation of certain recorded articles to make restitution to the owner who suffered injury resulting from the violation or to the trade association

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representing such owner; requiring that the amount of restitution be based on the average wholesale value of authorized articles corresponding to the number of unauthorized articles involved in the offense and investigative costs; revising the list of persons or entities that are exempt from the unauthorized sale, resale, rental, or transportation of recorded articles; providing an effective date.