

Public Law 106-160  
106th Congress

An Act

Dec. 9, 1999

[H.R. 3456]

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

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

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

**SEC. 2. STATUTORY DAMAGES ENHANCEMENT.**

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

(1) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

28 USC 994 note.

**SEC. 3. SENTENCING COMMISSION GUIDELINES.**

Deadline.

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

17 USC 504 note.

**SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Approved December 9, 1999.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 3456:**

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Dec. 9, Presidential statement.