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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 “Copyright Clarifications*
3 *Act of 1996”.*

4 **SEC. 2. SATELLITE HOME VIEWER ACT.**

5 *The Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1994 (Public Law*
6 *103–369) is amended as follows:*

7 (1) *Section 2(3)(A) is amended to read as fol-*
8 *lows:*

9 “(A) *in clause (i) by striking ‘12 cents’ and*
10 *inserting ‘17.5 cents per subscriber in the case of*
11 *superstations that as retransmitted by the sat-*
12 *ellite carrier include any program which, if de-*
13 *livered by any cable system in the United States,*
14 *would be subject to the syndicated exclusivity*
15 *rules of the Federal Communications Commis-*
16 *sion, and 14 cents per subscriber in the case of*
17 *superstations that are syndex-proof as defined in*
18 *section 258.2 of title 37, Code of Federal Regula-*
19 *tions; and’ ”.*

20 (2) *Section 2(4) is amended to read as follows:*

21 “(4) *Subsection (c) is amended—*

22 “(A) *in paragraph (1)—*

23 “(i) *by striking ‘until December 31,*
24 *1992,’;*

25 “(ii) *by striking ‘(2), (3) or (4)’ and*
26 *inserting ‘(2) or (3)’; and*

1 “(iii) by striking the second sentence;

2 “(B) in paragraph (2)—

3 “(i) in subparagraph (A) by striking
4 ‘July 1, 1991’ and inserting ‘July 1, 1996’;
5 and

6 “(ii) in subparagraph (D) by striking
7 ‘December 31, 1994’ and inserting ‘Decem-
8 ber 31, 1999, or in accordance with the
9 terms of the agreement, whichever is later’;
10 and

11 “(C) in paragraph (3)—

12 “(i) in subparagraph (A) by striking
13 ‘December 31, 1991’ and inserting ‘January
14 1, 1997’;

15 “(ii) by amending subparagraph (B)
16 to read as follows:

17 “(B) *ESTABLISHMENT OF ROYALTY FEES.—*

18 *In determining royalty fees under this para-*
19 *graph, the copyright arbitration royalty panel*
20 *appointed under chapter 8 shall establish fees for*
21 *the retransmission of network stations and*
22 *superstations that most clearly represent the fair*
23 *market value of secondary transmissions. In de-*
24 *termining the fair market value, the panel shall*
25 *base its decision on economic, competitive, and*

1 *programming information presented by the par-*
2 *ties, including—*

3 *‘(i) the competitive environment in*
4 *which such programming is distributed, the*
5 *cost of similar signals in similar private*
6 *and compulsory license marketplaces, and*
7 *any special features and conditions of the*
8 *retransmission marketplace;*

9 *‘(ii) the economic impact of such fees*
10 *on copyright owners and satellite carriers;*
11 *and*

12 *‘(iii) the impact on the continued*
13 *availability of secondary transmissions to*
14 *the public.’; and*

15 *“(iii) in subparagraph (C), by insert-*
16 *ing ‘or July 1, 1997, whichever is later’*
17 *after ‘section 802(g)’.”.*

18 (3) *Section 2(5)(A) is amended to read as fol-*
19 *lows:*

20 *“(A) in paragraph (5)(C) by striking ‘the*
21 *date of the enactment of the Satellite Home*
22 *Viewer Act of 1988’ and inserting ‘November 16,*
23 *1988’; and”.*

1 **SEC. 3. COPYRIGHT IN RESTORED WORKS.**

2 *Section 104A of title 17, United States Code, is amend-*
3 *ed as follows:*

4 (1) *Subsection (d)(3)(A) is amended to read as*
5 *follows:*

6 “(3) *EXISTING DERIVATIVE WORKS.—(A) In the*
7 *case of a derivative work that is based upon a re-*
8 *stored work and is created—*

9 *“(i) before the date of the enactment of the*
10 *Uruguay Round Agreements Act, if the source*
11 *country of the restored work is an eligible coun-*
12 *try on such date, or*

13 *“(ii) before the date of adherence or procla-*
14 *mation, if the source country of the restored work*
15 *is not an eligible country on such date of enact-*
16 *ment, a reliance party may continue to exploit*
17 *that derivative work for the duration of the re-*
18 *stored copyright if the reliance party pays to the*
19 *owner of the restored copyright reasonable com-*
20 *penetration for conduct which would be subject to*
21 *a remedy for infringement but for the provisions*
22 *of this paragraph.”.*

23 (2) *Subsection (e)(1)(B)(ii) is amended by strik-*
24 *ing the last sentence.*

25 (3) *Subsection (h)(2) is amended to read as fol-*
26 *lows:*

1 “(2) The ‘date of restoration’ of a restored copy-
2 right is the later of—

3 “(A) January 1, 1996, the date on which
4 the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intel-
5 lectual Property referred to in section 101(d)(15)
6 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act enters
7 into force with respect to the United States, if
8 the source country of the restored work is a na-
9 tion adhering to the Berne Convention or a WTO
10 member country on such date, or

11 “(B) the date of adherence or proclamation,
12 in the case of any other source country of the re-
13 stored work.”.

14 (4) Subsection (h)(3) is amended to read as fol-
15 lows:

16 “(3) The term ‘eligible country’ means a nation,
17 other than the United States, that, after the date of
18 the enactment of the Uruguay Round Agreements
19 Act—

20 “(A) becomes a WTO member,

21 “(B) is or becomes a member of the Berne
22 Convention, or

23 “(C) becomes subject to a proclamation
24 under subsection (g).”.

1 **SEC. 4. LICENSES FOR NONEXEMPT SUBSCRIPTION TRANS-**
2 **MISSIONS.**

3 *Section 114(f) of title 17, United States Code, is*
4 *amended—*

5 *(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, or ending*
6 *30 days after the Librarian issues and publishes in*
7 *the Federal Register an order adopting or rejecting*
8 *the report of the copyright arbitration royalty panel,*
9 *if such panel is convened” after “December 31, 2000”;*
10 *and*

11 *(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “and publish*
12 *in the Federal Register”.*

13 **SEC. 5. ROYALTY PAYABLE UNDER COMPULSORY LICENSE.**

14 *Section 115(c)(3)(D) of title 17, United States Code,*
15 *is amended by striking “and publish in the Federal Reg-*
16 *ister”.*

17 **SEC. 6. NEGOTIATED LICENSE FOR JUKEBOXES.**

18 *Section 116 of title 17, United States Code, is amend-*
19 *ed—*

20 *(1) by amending subsection (b)(2) to read as fol-*
21 *lows:*

22 *“(2) ARBITRATION.—Parties not subject to such*
23 *a negotiation may determine the result of the negotia-*
24 *tion by arbitration in accordance with the provisions*
25 *of chapter 8.”; and*

1 (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*
2 *section:*

3 “(d) *DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the follow-*
4 *ing terms mean the following:*

5 “(1) *A ‘coin-operated phonorecord player’ is a*
6 *machine or device that—*

7 “(A) *is employed solely for the performance*
8 *of nondramatic musical works by means of*
9 *phonorecords upon being activated by the inser-*
10 *tion of coins, currency, tokens, or other monetary*
11 *units or their equivalent;*

12 “(B) *is located in an establishment making*
13 *no direct or indirect charge for admission;*

14 “(C) *is accompanied by a list which is com-*
15 *prised of the titles of all the musical works avail-*
16 *able for performance on it, and is affixed to the*
17 *phonorecord player or posted in the establish-*
18 *ment in a prominent position where it can be*
19 *readily examined by the public; and*

20 “(D) *affords a choice of works available for*
21 *performance and permits the choice to be made*
22 *by the patrons of the establishment in which it*
23 *is located.*

24 “(2) *An ‘operator’ is any person who, alone or*
25 *jointly with others—*

1 “(A) owns a coin-operated phonorecord
2 player;

3 “(B) has the power to make a coin-operated
4 phonorecord player available for placement in
5 an establishment for purposes of public perform-
6 ance; or

7 “(C) has the power to exercise primary con-
8 trol over the selection of the musical works made
9 available for public performance on a coin-oper-
10 ated phonorecord player.”.

11 **SEC. 7. LIMITATIONS ON EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS; COMPUTER**
12 **PROGRAMS.**

13 Section 117 of title 17, United States Code, is amended
14 as follows:

15 (1) Strike “Notwithstanding” and insert the following:

16 “(a) **MAKING OF ADDITIONAL COPY OR ADAPTATION**
17 **BY OWNER OF COPY.—Notwithstanding”.**

18 (2) Strike “Any exact” and insert the following:

19 “(b) **LEASE, SALE, OR OTHER TRANSFER OF ADDI-**
20 **TIONAL COPY OR ADAPTATION.—Any exact”.**

21 (3) Add at the end the following:

22 “(c) **MACHINE MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR.—Notwith-**
23 **standing the provisions of section 106, it is not an infringe-**
24 **ment for the owner or lessee of a machine to make or author-**
25 **ize the making of a copy of a computer program if such**

1 *copy is made solely by virtue of the activation of a machine*
2 *that lawfully contains an authorized copy of the computer*
3 *program, for purposes only of maintenance or repair of that*
4 *machine, provided that—*

5 “(1) *such new copy is used in no other manner*
6 *and is destroyed immediately after the maintenance*
7 *or repair is completed, and*

8 “(2) *with respect to any computer program or*
9 *part thereof that is not necessary for that machine to*
10 *be activated, such program or part thereof is not*
11 *accessed or used other than to make such new copy by*
12 *virtue of the activation of the machine.*

13 “(d) *DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—*

14 “(1) *the term ‘maintenance’ of a machine means*
15 *servicing the machine in order to make it work in ac-*
16 *cordance with its original specifications and any*
17 *changes to those specifications authorized for that ma-*
18 *chine; and*

19 “(2) *the term ‘repair’ of a machine means restor-*
20 *ing it to the state of working in accordance with its*
21 *original specifications and any changes to those speci-*
22 *fications authorized for that machine.”.*

23 **SEC. 8. PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMPULSORY LICENSE.**

24 *Section 118 of title 17, United States Code, is amended*
25 *as follows:*

1 (1) *Subsection (b) is amended by striking para-*
2 *graph (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3)*
3 *as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.*

4 (2) *Subsection (b)(2) (as redesignated by para-*
5 *graph (1) of this section) is amended by striking*
6 *“(2)” each place it appears and inserting “(1)”.*

7 (3) *Subsection (e) is amended to read as follows:*
8 *“(e)(1) Except as expressly provided in this subsection,*
9 *this section shall not apply to works other than those speci-*
10 *fied in subsection (b).*

11 *“(2) Owners of copyright in nondramatic literary*
12 *works and public broadcasting entities may, during the*
13 *course of voluntary negotiations, agree among themselves,*
14 *respectively, as to the terms and rates of royalty payments*
15 *without liability under the antitrust laws. Any such terms*
16 *and rates of royalty payments shall be effective upon being*
17 *filed in the Copyright Office, in accordance with regulations*
18 *that the Register of Copyrights shall prescribe.”.*

19 **SEC. 9. REGISTRATION AND INFRINGEMENT ACTIONS.**

20 *Section 411(b)(1) of title 17, United States Code, is*
21 *amended to read as follows:*

22 *“(1) serves notice upon the infringer, not less*
23 *than 48 hours before such fixation, identifying the*
24 *work and the specific time and source of its first*

1 *transmission, and declaring an intention to secure*
2 *copyright in the work; and”.*

3 **SEC. 10. COPYRIGHT OFFICE FEES.**

4 *(a) FEE INCREASES.—Section 708(b) of title 17, Unit-*
5 *ed States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

6 *“(b) In calendar year 1996 and in any subsequent cal-*
7 *endar year, the Register of Copyrights, by regulation, may*
8 *increase the fees specified in subsection (a) in the following*
9 *manner:*

10 *“(1) The Register shall conduct a study of the*
11 *costs incurred by the Copyright Office for the registra-*
12 *tion of claims, the recordation of documents, and the*
13 *provision of services. The study shall also consider the*
14 *timing of any increase in fees and the authority to*
15 *use such fees consistent with the budget.*

16 *“(2) The Register shall have discretion to in-*
17 *crease fees up to the reasonable costs incurred by the*
18 *Copyright Office for the services described in para-*
19 *graph (1) plus a reasonable inflation adjustment to*
20 *account for any estimated increase in costs.*

21 *“(3) Any newly established fee based on para-*
22 *graph (2) shall be rounded off to the nearest dollar,*
23 *or for a fee less than \$12, rounded off to the nearest*
24 *50 cents.*

1 “(4) *The fees shall be fair and equitable and give*
2 *due consideration to the objectives of the copyright*
3 *system.*”

4 “(5) *If upon completion of the study, the Reg-*
5 *ister determines that the fees should be increased, the*
6 *Register shall prepare a proposed fee schedule and*
7 *submit the schedule with the accompanying economic*
8 *analysis to the Congress. The fees proposed by the*
9 *Register may be instituted after the end of 120 days*
10 *after the schedule is submitted to the Congress unless,*
11 *within that 120-day period, a law is enacted stating*
12 *in substance that the Congress does not approve the*
13 *schedule.”.*

14 **(b) DEPOSIT OF FEES.**—*Section 708(d) of such title*
15 *is amended to read as follows:*

16 “(d)(1) *Except as provided in paragraph (2), all fees*
17 *received under this section shall be deposited by the Register*
18 *of Copyrights in the Treasury of the United States and shall*
19 *be credited to the appropriations for necessary expenses of*
20 *the Copyright Office. Such fees that are collected shall re-*
21 *main available until expended. The Register may, in ac-*
22 *cordance with regulations that he or she shall prescribe, re-*
23 *fund any sum paid by mistake or in excess of the fee re-*
24 *quired by this section.*”

1 “(2) *In the case of fees deposited against future serv-*
2 *ices, the Register of Copyrights shall request the Secretary*
3 *of the Treasury to invest in interest-bearing securities in*
4 *the United States Treasury any portion of the fees that,*
5 *as determined by the Register, is not required to meet cur-*
6 *rent deposit account demands. Funds shall be invested in*
7 *securities that permit funds to be available to the Copyright*
8 *Office at all times if they are determined to be necessary*
9 *to meet current deposit account demands. Such investments*
10 *shall be in public debt securities with maturities suitable*
11 *to the needs of the fund, as determined by the Register of*
12 *Copyrights, and bearing interest at rates determined by the*
13 *Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration current*
14 *market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the*
15 *United States of comparable maturities.*

16 “(3) *The income on such investments shall be deposited*
17 *in the Treasury of the United States and shall be credited*
18 *to the appropriations for necessary expenses of the Copy-*
19 *right Office.”.*

20 **SEC. 11. COPYRIGHT ARBITRATION ROYALTY PANELS.**

21 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.*—Section 801 of
22 *title 17, United States Code, is amended—*

23 (1) *in subsection (b)(1) by striking “and 116” in*
24 *the first sentence and inserting “116, and 119”;*

1 (2) *in subsection (c) by inserting after “panel”*
2 *at the end of the sentence the following:*

3 “, *including—*

4 “(1) *authorizing the distribution of those royalty*
5 *fees collected under sections 111, 119, and 1005 that*
6 *the Librarian has found are not subject to con-*
7 *troversy; and*

8 “(2) *accepting or rejecting royalty claims filed*
9 *under sections 111, 119, and 1007 on the basis of*
10 *timeliness or the failure to establish the basis for a*
11 *claim”;* *and*

12 (3) *by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-*
13 *lows:*

14 “(d) *SUPPORT AND REIMBURSEMENT OF ARBITRATION*
15 *PANELS.—The Librarian of Congress, upon the rec-*
16 *ommendation of the Register of Copyrights, shall provide*
17 *the copyright arbitration royalty panels with the necessary*
18 *administrative services related to proceedings under this*
19 *chapter, and shall reimburse the arbitrators at such inter-*
20 *vals and in such manner as the Librarian shall provide*
21 *by regulation. Each such arbitrator is an independent con-*
22 *tractor acting on behalf of the United States, and shall be*
23 *paid pursuant to a signed agreement between the Library*
24 *of Congress and the arbitrator. Payments to the arbitrators*

1 *shall be considered costs incurred by the Library of Congress*
2 *and the Copyright Office for purposes of section 802(h)(1).”.*

3 (b) *PROCEEDINGS.—Section 802(h)(1) of title 17,*
4 *United States Code, is amended—*

5 (1) *by amending the heading to read “DEDUC-*
6 *TION OF COSTS OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND COPY-*
7 *RIGHT OFFICE FROM ROYALTY FEES.—”;*

8 (2) *in the first sentence by inserting “to support*
9 *distribution proceedings” after “Copyright Office”;*
10 *and*

11 (3) *by amending the third sentence to read as*
12 *follows: “In ratemaking proceedings, the Librarian of*
13 *Congress and the Copyright Office may assess their*
14 *reasonable costs directly to the parties to the most re-*
15 *cent relevant arbitration proceeding, 50 percent of the*
16 *costs to the parties who would receive royalties from*
17 *the royalty rate adopted in the proceeding and 50*
18 *percent of the costs to the parties who would pay the*
19 *royalty rate so adopted, subject to the discretion of the*
20 *arbitrators to assess costs under subsection (c).”.*

21 **SEC. 12. DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDING DEVICES AND MEDIA.**

22 *Section 1007(b) of title 17, United States Code, is*
23 *amended by striking “Within 30 days after” in the first*
24 *sentence and inserting “After”.*

1 **SEC. 13. TREATMENT OF PRE-1978 PUBLICATION OF SOUND**
2 **RECORDINGS.**

3 *Section 303 of title 17, United States Code, is amend-*
4 *ed—*

5 *(1) by striking “Copyright” and inserting “(a)*
6 *Copyright”;* and

7 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

8 *“(b) The distribution before January 1, 1978, of a pho-*
9 *norecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publication*
10 *of the musical work embodied therein.”.*

11 **SEC. 14. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

12 *Paragraph (5) of section 4 of the Digital Performance*
13 *Right in Sound Recordings Act of 1995 is redesignated as*
14 *paragraph (4).*

15 **SEC. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

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

19 *(b) SATELLITE HOME VIEWER ACT.—The amend-*
20 *ments made by section 1 shall be effective as if enacted as*
21 *part of the Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1994 (Public Law*
22 *103–369).*