

S 2395

Anticounterfeiting Amendments of 2002

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 500.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

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Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		Apr 30, 2002
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2002
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 30, 2002
Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]	D · SC		Apr 30, 2002
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 30, 2002
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Apr 30, 2002
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Apr 30, 2002
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Jul 9, 2002
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jul 9, 2002
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 11, 2002
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2002
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 11, 2002
Sen. Thurmond, Strom [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 11, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 18, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Anticounterfeiting Amendments of 2002 - Amends the Federal criminal code to prohibit trafficking in an illicit authentication feature affixed to or embedded in a phonorecord, a copy of a computer program, a copy of a motion picture or other audiovisual work, or documentation and packaging.

Defines an "authentication feature" as any hologram, watermark, certification, symbol, code, image, sequence of numbers or letters, or other feature used by the respective copyright owner to verify that the product is not counterfeit or otherwise infringing of any copyright. Defines an "illicit" authentication feature as one that: (1) is genuine but has been tampered with or altered without the authorization of the copyright owner to induce a third party to reproduce or accept distribution of the product in violation of the rights of the copyright owner; (2) is genuine but has been or is intended to be distributed without the authorization of the copyright owner and not in connection with the lawfully made product for which it was intended; or (3) appears to be genuine but is not.

Authorizes an injured copyright owner to bring a civil action in an appropriate U.S. district court. Sets forth remedies for violations, including providing for the calculation of actual damages or the recovery of specified statutory damages.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 18, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 18, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 18, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 500.
- **Apr 30, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 30, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3561-3562)
- **Apr 30, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3562-3563)

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