

HR 5544

Digital Media Consumers' Rights Act of 2002

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property. (Nov 12, 2002)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Oct 3, 2002
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Nov 22, 2002
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 8, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 12, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 3, 2002)

Digital Media Consumers' Rights Act of 2002 - Amends the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit: (1) introduction into commerce of prerecorded digital music disc products that are mislabeled, or falsely, or deceptively advertised or invoiced; and (2) removal or mutilation of any label required by either this Act or any rules or regulations prescribed by the Federal Trade Commission before the time a prerecorded digital music disc product is sold and delivered to the ultimate consumer.

States that such transactions constitute either an unfair method of competition, or an unfair and deceptive act or practice in commerce.

Authorizes the Commission to develop rules and regulations governing such transactions.

Amends Federal copyright law to exempt from its prohibitions against circumvention of copyright protection systems any persons acting solely in furtherance of scientific research into technological protection measures.

Declares it is not a violation of copyright law, but fair use, to: (1) circumvent a technological measure in connection with access to, or the use of, a work if such circumvention does not result in an infringement of the copyright in the work; or (2) manufacture, distribute, or make noninfringing use of a hardware or software product capable of enabling significant noninfringing use of a copyrighted work.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 12, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Oct 8, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Oct 4, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1760-1762)
- **Oct 3, 2002:** Introduced in House
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