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Anticounterfeiting Act of 2004 Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3632	Related bill	Dec 23, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-482.
108 S 2227	Identical bill	Dec 8, 2004: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S12028-12029)

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2004)

Anticounterfeiting Act of 2004 - Amends the Federal criminal code to prohibit trafficking in an "illicit authentication feature." Defines that term to mean an authentication feature that: (1) without the authorization of the respective copyright owner, has been tampered with or altered so as to facilitate the reproduction or distribution of a phono-record, a copy of a computer program, a copy of a motion picture or other audiovisual work, or documentation or packaging, in violation of the rights of the copyright owner; (2) is genuine, but has been distributed, or is intended for distribution, without the authorization of the respective copyright owner; or (3) appears to be genuine but is not.

Authorizes a copyright owner who is injured by a violation of this Act or is threatened with injury to bring a civil action in an appropriate U.S. district court. Sets forth remedies for violations.

Actions Timeline
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