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Public Domain Enhancement Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Public Domain Enhancement Act - Amends Federal copyright law to require the Register of Copyrights to charge a fee of \$1 for maintaining in force the copyright in any published U.S. work. Requires the fee to be due 50 years after the date of first publication or on December 31, 2004, whichever occurs later, and every ten years thereafter until the end of the copyright term. Terminates the copyright unless payment of the applicable maintenance fee is received in the Copyright Office on or before its due date or within a grace period of six months thereafter.

Deems any ancillary or promotional work used in connection with the maintained work, such as an advertisement for a motion picture, also to be maintained in force.

Requires the: (1) maintenance fee to be accompanied by a form prescribed by the Register of Copyrights; and (2) the Register to establish procedures to minimize the burden of submitting the form, including procedures to allow the electronic submission of the form to the Office, and to make the information contained in such forms easily accessible to the public.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 4, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
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