

HR 5553

Section 115 Reform Act of 2006

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Policy Area: Commerce

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 8, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Section 115 Reform Act of 2006 - Sets forth provisions governing compulsory licenses for digital phonorecord deliveries and hybrid offerings that cover the making and distribution of general and incidental digital phonorecord deliveries in the form of full downloads, limited downloads, interactive streams, and any other form constituting a digital phonorecord delivery or hybrid offering.

Allows a digital music provider to obtain a compulsory license only from a designated agent. Requires a designated agent to grant a license for the making of server and incidental reproduction to facilitate noninteractive streaming at a royalty-free rate. Excludes from such license any server or incidental reproductions used to enable a streaming service (or any other type of service) that takes affirmative steps to authorize, enable, cause, or induce the making of reproductions of musical works by or for end users for future listening.

Allows a digital music provider that receives a license for the making and distribution of limited downloads or interactive streams to report activity and make payments for the activity retroactively beginning January 1, 2001, to avoid being subject to an action for copyright infringement alleging violation of reproduction or distribution rights.

Sets forth procedures for the setting of royalty rates and terms.

Requires the Register of Copyrights to designate a General Designated Agent to grant and administer licenses and collect and distribute royalties payable for the use of musical works licensed under this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jun 8, 2006:** Introduced in House
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- **Jun 8, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jun 8, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Jun 8, 2006:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 8, 2006:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .