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A bill to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: May 12, 2011

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Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-922. (Jun 22, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 12, 2011
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Jun 22, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 20, 2011)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the federal criminal code to provide for imprisonment for up to 5 years, a fine, or both, for criminal infringement of a copyright where the offense consists of 10 or more public performances by electronic means, during any 180-day period, of one or more copyrighted works and where: (1) the total retail value of the performances, or the total economic value of such performances to the infringer or to the copyright owner, would exceed \$2,500; or (2) the total fair market value of licenses to offer performances of those works would exceed \$5,000.

Includes, within copyright provisions protecting works from criminal infringement, the public performance of a work being prepared for commercial distribution.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-922.
- **Jun 20, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jun 20, 2011:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 77.
- **Jun 16, 2011:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 12, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 12, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.