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# IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

# A BILL

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  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

# **3** SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- 4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Copyright Modernization Act of 2006".

## 1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of

### 2 this Act is the following:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

#### TITLE I—MUSIC LICENSING

- Sec. 101. Short title.
- Sec. 102. Statutory Licenses for digital delivery of musical works.
- Sec. 103. Performance right preserved.
- Sec. 104. Interim rate process.
- Sec. 105. Technical amendments.
- Sec. 106. Effective date.
- Sec. 107. Savings clauses.
- Sec. 108. Staying of infringement actions.

#### TITLE II—ORPHAN WORKS

- Sec. 201. Short title.
- Sec. 202. Limitation on remedies in cases involving orphan works.
- Sec. 203. Report to Congress on amendments.
- Sec. 204. Inquiry on remedies for small copyright claims.

#### TITLE III—COPYRIGHT PROTECTION RESOURCES

- Sec. 301. Short title.
- Sec. 302. Registration in civil infringement actions.
- Sec. 303. Statutory damages.
- Sec. 304. Improved investigative and forensic resources for enforcement of laws related to intellectual property crimes.

# 3 TITLE I—MUSIC LICENSING

#### 4 SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

5 This title may be cited as the "Section 115 Reform

6 Act of 2006".

#### 7 SEC. 102. STATUTORY LICENSES FOR DIGITAL DELIVERY

8 OF MUSICAL WORKS.

9 Section 115 of title 17, United States Code, is

10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-

- 11 section:
- 12 "(e) LICENSES FOR DIGITAL USES OF MUSICAL13 WORKS.—

1	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The compulsory license for
2	digital phonorecord deliveries and hybrid offerings
3	shall be governed by this subsection, in addition to
4	subsections (a), (c), and (d). The license under this
5	subsection covers—
6	"(A) the making and distribution of gen-
7	eral and incidental digital phonorecord deliv-
8	eries in the form of full downloads, limited
9	downloads, interactive streams, and any other
10	form constituting a digital phonorecord delivery
11	or hybrid offering; and
12	"(B) all reproduction and distribution
13	rights necessary to engage in activities de-
14	scribed in subparagraph (A), solely for the pur-
15	pose of engaging in such activities under the li-
16	cense, including—
17	"(i) the making of reproductions by
18	and for end users;
19	"(ii) reproductions made on servers
20	under the authority of the licensee; and
21	"(iii) incidental reproductions made
22	under the authority of the licensee in the
23	normal course of engaging in activities de-
24	scribed in subparagraph (A), including

1	cached, network, and RAM buffer repro-
2	ductions.
3	"(2) Blanket licenses.—A person may ob-
4	tain a compulsory license to engage in activities sub-
5	ject to this subsection only from a designated agent
6	under paragraph (4) and only if the person is a dig-
7	ital music provider. Except as provided in paragraph
8	(9)(E)(v), a person may engage in activities subject
9	to this subsection under authority of a compulsory
10	license only—
11	"(A) if the license was obtained by a dig-
12	ital music provider; and
13	"(B) with respect to end users with which
14	the digital music provider meets the require-
15	ments of paragraph $(14)(C)$ .
16	"(3) Exemption for noninteractive serv-
17	ER AND INCIDENTAL REPRODUCTIONS.—
18	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-
19	tion 106, it shall not be an infringement of the
20	exclusive right of reproduction or distribution in
21	a copyrighted musical work, as described in sec-
22	tion $106(1)$ and $(3)$ , for a digital music provider
23	or a transmitting entity to make server and in-
24	cidental reproductions to facilitate noninter-
25	active streaming or terrestrial radio analog

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broadcasts of that musical work, subject to the following:

"(i) The exemption under this sub-3 4 paragraph is limited to reproductions on 5 servers and incidental reproductions made 6 under authority of the digital music pro-7 vider or transmitting entity and incident to 8 noninteractive streaming or terrestrial 9 radio analog broadcasting, including 10 cached, network, and RAM buffer repro-11 ductions, to the extent reasonably nec-12 essary for, and only to the extent that such 13 reporductions are used for the purpose of, 14 engaging in noninteractive streaming or 15 terrestrial radio analog broadcasting.

16 "(ii) The exemption under this sub-17 paragraph does not apply to any server or 18 incidental reproductions made to facilitate 19 streaming noninteractive  $\mathbf{or}$ terrestrial 20 radio analog broadcasts by a digital music 21 provider or a transmitting entity that takes 22 affirmative steps to intentionally induce, 23 cause, or promote the making of reproduc-24 tions of musical works by or for end users 25 that are accessible by those end users for

1	future listening, unless valid license au-
2	thority for reproduction and distribution
3	rights otherwise exists permitting the serv-
4	ice to use such server or incidental repro-
5	ductions for that activity. For purposes of
6	this clause, none of the following shall in
7	itself be considered an affirmative step to
8	intentionally induce, cause, or promote the
9	making of reproductions of musical works:
10	"(I) The transmission of
11	metadata to identify sound recordings.
12	"(II) The transmission of
13	unencrypted streams.
14	"(III) A transmitting entity's an-
15	nouncement of a particular song to be
16	broadcast.
17	"(B) Retroactive effect.—The exemp-
18	tion from liability provided under subparagraph
19	(A) shall apply to actions taken on or after
20	January 1, 2001.
21	"(C) SAVINGS CLAUSE REGARDING IN-
22	FRINGEMENT.—Neither the exemption provided
23	under subparagraph (A), nor the limitations on
24	such exemption set forth in subparagraph
25	(A)(ii), shall be construed to imply that the

1 making of server or incidental reproductions not 2 covered by the exemption does or does not con-3 stitute copyright infringement. In evaluating a 4 claim of infringement based on the making by 5 a service of server or incidental reproductions in 6 a case in which the use of such server or inci-7 dental reproductions is not within the scope of 8 the exemption set forth in subparagraph (A), a 9 court shall not take into account the exemption, 10 or the activities that are excluded from the 11 scope of the exemption under subparagraph 12 (A)(ii). 13 "(D) RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO SOUND 14 RECORDINGS.—The exemption under this para-

15 graph does not limit or otherwise affect any 16 rights with respect to sound recordings under 17 this title.

18 "(4) APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES.—Any dig-19 ital music provider seeking a license under this sub-20 section may apply to a designated agent for the li-21 cense, identifying in the application each type of 22 qualifying activity for which the license is sought. 23 Any digital music provider that has a license under 24 this subsection and seeks to engage in any activity 25 covered by this subsection that is not identified in

1	the license may engage in that activity only upon fil-
2	ing a new application identifying the additional ac-
3	tivity.
4	"(5) License scope and effective date.—

5 All activities specified in an application filed under 6 paragraph (4) for which a license is available under 7 this subsection shall be licensed by the designated 8 agent. The license shall be effective, upon the filing 9 of the application, for all copyrighted nondramatic 10 musical works (or shares of such musical works) 11 represented by the designated agent.

- 12 "(6) RETROACTIVE ROYALTY PAYMENTS.—
  13 "(A) RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS.—A digital
- 14 music provider that has obtained a license from
  15 a designated agent under this subsection for—
- 16 "(i) the making and distribution of17 limited downloads, or
- 18 "(ii) the making or distribution of19 interactive streams,

may report to the designated agent activity authorized by the license that the digital music
provider engaged in during the period beginning
on January 1, 2001, and ending on January 1,
2008, and pay to the designated agent royalties
applicable to that activity. Such reporting and

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payments shall be made not later than March 1, 2008, in accordance with the regulations issued under paragraph (10) regarding reporting and payments.

5 "(B) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—A dig-6 ital music provider that reports activity and makes payments under this paragraph for an 7 8 activity under this paragraph shall not be sub-9 ject to an action for copyright infringement al-10 leging violation of reproduction or distribution 11 rights to the extent such action is based on ac-12 tivity so reported for which all payments due 13 have been made.

14 "(7) LICENSE NOT TRANSFERABLE.—A license
15 granted to a digital music provider under this sub16 section may not be transferred to any other person
17 or entity.

18 "(8) ROYALTY RATES AND TERMS.—

"(A) RATES AND TERMS IN EFFECT.—
Rates and terms in effect under subsection (c)
on the effective date of the Section 115 Reform
Act of 2006 for any activity for which a license
is available under this section shall continue to
apply to that activity on and after that date

1	until a new rate is determined under subsection
2	(c) and chapter 8.
3	"(B) PAYMENT.—Licensees under this
4	subsection shall make payments of royalties to
5	the designated agents at rates and terms as di-
6	rected by the Copyright Royalty Judges.
7	"(C) RATES AND TERMS FOR NEW LI-
8	CENSE ACTIVITIES.—
9	"(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
10	July 1, 2007, the Copyright Royalty
11	Judges shall initiate a ratemaking pro-
12	ceeding, pursuant to the procedures set
13	forth in chapter 8, to determine a final
14	rate and terms for any activity for which
15	a license is available under this subsection
16	if—
17	"(I) a final rate and terms have
18	not been established for the activity as
19	of that date; or
20	"(II) the activity is not the sub-
21	ject of a proceeding to set a final rate
22	and terms under subsection (c) that is
23	pending before the Copyright Royalty
24	Judges on that date.

1	"(ii) Pending proceedings.—In
2	any case in which a proceeding is pending
3	before the Copyright Royalty Judges, on
4	July 1, 2007, to determine final rates and
5	terms under subsection (c) for any activity
6	for which a license is available under this
7	subsection, the Copyright Royalty Judges
8	may expand and adjust the schedule of the
9	proceeding to cover rates and terms for
10	any activity described in clause (i), in lieu
11	of initiating a proceeding under clause (i)
12	with respect to that activity, if so expand-
13	ing and adjusting the schedule of the pro-
14	ceeding will not unduly prejudice any party
15	to the proceeding and will not delay the
16	final determination of rates and terms by
17	the Copyright Royalty Judges by more
18	than 90 days.
19	"(iii) Participation of designated
20	AGENTS.—All designated agents, and any
21	other parties who have a significant inter-
22	est, within the meaning of section 804(a),
23	in the applicable royalty rate, are entitled
24	to participate in a proceeding under this

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1	subparagraph relating to activities licensed
2	under this subsection.
3	"(D) INTERIM RATES.—
4	"(i) IN GENERAL.—For any activity
5	for which a license is available under this
6	subsection and for which a rate and terms
7	have not been determined under subsection
8	(c), a digital music provider shall, upon fil-
9	ing a valid application with the relevant
10	designated agent, have a license under this
11	subsection to engage in the activity, sub-
12	ject to clause (ii).
13	"(ii) INTERIM RATES AND TERMS.—
14	Upon the filing of an application under
15	clause (i)—
16	"(I) the digital music provider
17	and the designated agent may nego-
18	tiate an interim rate and terms that
19	will apply to the activity under the li-
20	cense; or
21	"(II) the digital music provider
22	or the designated agent, or both, may
23	apply to the Copyright Royalty
24	Judges for an interim rate and terms,
25	in which case—

1	"(aa) the Copyright Royalty
2	Judges shall, not later than 15
3	days after the application is
4	made, publish notice of an expe-
5	dited proceeding to determine the
6	interim rate and terms; and
7	"(bb) the Judges shall de-
8	termine the interim rate and
9	terms not less than 30 days and
10	not more than 60 days after pub-
11	lishing the notice, through the
12	expedited proceeding.
13	"(iii) Applicability of interim
14	RATES AND TERMS.—(I) An interim rate
15	and terms negotiated under clause (ii)(I)
16	or established under clause (ii)(II) shall
17	apply to the activity under the license con-
18	cerned, retroactive to the inception of the
19	activity, until a final rate and terms for
20	the activity are determined under subpara-
21	graph (C), or as otherwise agreed by the
22	parties.
23	"(II) An interim rate and terms de-
24	scribed in clause (ii) with respect to an ac-
25	tivity by a digital music provider shall not

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1	rate and terms apply, unless an agreement
2	between the parties to a license provides
3	otherwise. Not later than 60 days after the
4	determination of the final rate becomes ef-
5	fective—
6	"(I) the digital music provider
7	shall pay to the designated agent any
8	amounts due from underpayment of
9	fees by the digital music provider be-
10	cause the final rate exceeds the in-
11	terim rate; or
12	"(II) the designated agent shall
13	refund to the digital music provider
14	the amounts of any overpayment of
15	fees by the digital music provider be-
16	cause the interim rate exceeds the
17	final rate, or, at the election of the
18	digital music provider, the designated
19	agent shall credit such overpayment
20	against future payments by the digital
21	music provider to the designated
22	agent under this subsection.
23	"(9) Designated agents.—

1	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Designated agents
2	under this subsection are the General Des-
3	ignated Agent and additional designated agents.
4	"(B) GENERAL DESIGNATED AGENT.—
5	"(i) DESIGNATION AND PURPOSE.—
6	(I) Not later than March 1, 2007, the Reg-
7	ister of Copyrights shall designate a me-
8	chanical licensing and collection agency
9	representing music publishing entities that
10	represent the greatest share of the music
11	publishing market, as measured by the
12	amount of royalties collected during the
13	preceding 3 full calendar years with re-
14	spect to the use of copyrighted musical
15	works pursuant to this section, to establish
16	and operate the General Designated Agent.
17	"(II) The General Designated Agent
18	shall grant and administer licenses and col-
19	lect and distribute royalties payable for the
20	use of musical works licensed under this
21	subsection, but only for copyright owners
22	who do not choose to be represented by an
23	additional designated agent, and to the ex-
24	tent provided in subparagraphs $(E)(ii)(II)$
25	and (G)(ii).

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1	"(III)(aa) The General Designated
2	Agent shall be governed by a board of di-
3	rectors consisting of 5 members, $2$ of
4	whom shall be professional songwriters.
5	"(bb) The mechanical licensing and
6	collection agency described in subclause (I)
7	shall select the representatives of music
8	publishing entities that will serve on the
9	board of directors of the General Des-
10	ignated Agent.
11	"(cc) The Register of Copyrights shall
12	select the 2 songwriter directors, after con-
13	sulting with the songwriter community.
14	Each of the 2 songwriter directors shall
15	have—
16	"(AA) significant artistic experi-
17	ence in the songwriting profession, in-
18	cluding by deriving the major portion
19	of his or her income from songwriter
20	activities such as mechanical, per-
21	formance, and synchronization rights,
22	whether online or terrestrial; and
23	"(BB) significant business expe-
24	rience in the songwriting profession so
25	that he or she can fully understand

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1	and participate in the deliberations of
2	the board of directors.
3	The 2 songwriter directors shall serve stag-
4	gered 3-year terms.
5	"(dd) All members of the board of di-
6	rectors of the General Designated Agent
7	have a fiduciary duty to the publishing en-
8	tities and songwriters that the board rep-
9	resents.
10	"(ii) Decertification.—Upon a
11	showing that the General Designated
12	Agent fails to meet the qualifications
13	under this subparagraph or otherwise fails
14	to meet the requirements under this para-
15	graph, the Register of Copyrights may,
16	after providing the General Designated
17	Agent a reasonable opportunity to respond,
18	disqualify the General Designated Agent.
19	In such a case, the Register of Copyrights
20	shall designate another General Designated
21	Agent.
22	"(C) Additional designated agents.—
23	"(i) CERTIFICATION.—The Register of
24	Copyrights shall certify as an additional
25	designated agent to represent copyright

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owners for purposes of licenses under this subsection any entity that demonstrates that—

"(I) upon certification, it will 4 5 represent 1 or more music publishing 6 entities that represent at least a 15 7 percent share of the music publishing 8 market, as measured by the amount 9 of royalties collected during the pre-10 ceding 3 full calendar years with re-11 spect to the use of copyrighted musi-12 cal works pursuant to this section; 13 and

14 "(II) it has the capability to per15 form the required functions of a des16 ignated agent under this subsection.

17 "(ii) DUTIES.—(I) Upon certification 18 under clause (i), an additional designated 19 agent shall represent any copyright owners 20 of musical works who elect to have the ad-21 ditional designated agent represent them 22 and the musical works (or shares of musi-23 cal works) owned or controlled by such 24 copyright owners for purposes of the li-25 censes under this subsection.

1	"(II) Each additional designated
2	agent shall notify the General Designated
3	Agent and any other additional designated
4	agent of each copyright owner, and the
5	musical works (or shares of musical works)
6	owned or controlled by the copyright
7	owner, that the additional designated agent
8	represents pursuant to subclause (I).
9	"(III) Any election under subclause
10	(I) is effective only if it is made in writing.
11	The additional designated agent elected
12	shall make a copy of the election available
13	to any other designated agent upon a rea-
14	sonable request for such a copy.
15	"(iii) DECERTIFICATION.—Upon a
16	showing that an additional designated
17	agent fails to meet the qualifications under
18	this subparagraph or otherwise fails to
19	meet the requirements under this para-
20	graph, the Register of Copyrights may,
21	after providing the additional designated
22	agent a reasonable opportunity to respond,
23	remove the certification of the additional
24	designated agent.

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"(D) AUTHORITIES OF DESIGNATED
AGENTS.—A designated agent may—
"(i) engage in activities pursuant to
this subsection;
"(ii) engage in such additional activi-
ties in the interest of music publishers and
songwriters as the designated agent con-
siders appropriate, including industry ne-
gotiations, ratesetting proceedings, litiga-
tion, and legislative efforts; and
"(iii) apply any administrative fees or
other funds it collects to support the activi-
ties described in clauses (i) and (ii).
"(E) ELECTIONS BY COPYRIGHT OWN-
ERS.—
"(i) Representation by single
DESIGNATED AGENT.—Each copyright
owner, and the musical works (or shares of
musical works) that the copyright owner
owns or controls, may choose an additional
designated agent to represent the owner,
except that a copyright owner may be rep-
resented by only 1 designated agent during
any calendar year.

1	"(ii) Annual enrollment pe-
2	RIOD.—
3	"(I) IN GENERAL.—Each copy-
4	right owner may, during the month of
5	September of each year, elect to
6	change the designated agent to rep-
7	resent the owner and the musical
8	works (or shares of musical works) re-
9	ferred to in clause (i), beginning on
10	January 1 of the succeeding calendar
11	year.
12	"(II) Selection.— If the addi-
13	tional designated agent chosen by a
14	copyright owner is not certified pursu-
15	ant to subparagraph (C)(i) or is de-
16	certified pursuant to subparagraph
17	(C)(iii), the copyright owner and the
18	musical works (or shares) referred to
19	in clause (i) shall be represented by
20	the General Designated Agent for the
21	succeeding calendar year.
22	"(iii) Effect on licenses.—A des-
23	ignated agent's representation of the musi-
24	cal works (and shares of musical works) of
25	any copyright owner who elects to change

1	designated agents under clause (ii) shall
2	terminate on December 31 of the year in
3	which the election is made, after which the
4	musical works (and shares of musical
5	works) of the copyright owner will become
6	subject to the licenses in effect with the
7	new designated agent, as provided in
8	clause (ii).
9	"(iv) Voluntary Agreements.—A
10	copyright owner and a digital music pro-
11	vider may enter into a voluntary license
12	agreement to cover activities licensed under
13	this subsection. Any such agreement shall
14	apply in lieu of a blanket license under this
15	subsection, to the extent permissible under
16	subsection $(c)(3)(E)$ , with respect to those
17	musical works (or shares of musical works)
18	and activities covered by the agreement
19	during the period that the agreement is in
20	effect. The royalty fees due for usage of
21	musical works (or shares of musical works)

under a blanket license under this sub-

section shall be reduced in proportion to

the usage covered under such a voluntary

license agreement. Each designated agent

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1	shall establish procedures by which copy-
2	right owners and licensees shall be re-
3	quired to notify the designated agent of
4	the existence of voluntary license agree-
5	ments upon which they are relying in lieu
6	of the blanket license. Such procedures
7	shall include appropriate measures to pro-
8	tect confidential information of licensees.
9	"(F) NOTICE OF DESIGNATED AGENTS
10	At least 90 days before beginning operations,
11	any interested party wishing to serve as an ad-
12	ditional designated agent shall file with the
13	Copyright Office a notice of intent to operate as
14	a designated agent under this subsection. The
15	notice shall contain such contact information,
16	and such information concerning applications
17	for licenses under this subsection and access to
18	the electronic database of the additional des-
19	ignated agent (described in subparagraph
20	(H)(i)) identifying musical works (or shares of
21	musical works) represented by the additional
22	designated agent, as required in regulations
23	issued to carry out this subsection. The Copy-
24	right Office shall make each notice filed under

1	this subparagraph available to the public on the
2	Internet.
3	"(G) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATED
4	AGENT.—
5	"(i) NOTICE AND TRANSFER OF
6	RECORDS.—At least 180 days before termi-
7	nating operations, a designated agent
8	shall—
9	"(I) notify the Copyright Office,
10	all of its licensees under this sub-
11	section, all of the copyright owners
12	represented by the designated agent
13	for the purposes of this subsection,
14	and all other designated agents of its
15	intent to terminate operations; and
16	"(II) transfer to the existing
17	General Designated Agent or, in the
18	case of the termination of the General
19	Designated Agent, to the successor
20	General Designated Agent, electronic
21	and other copies of all records that
22	are necessary to determine copyright
23	ownership and payment of royalties.
24	"(ii) Assumption of duties by
25	GENERAL DESIGNATED AGENT.—Upon the

1	termination of operations of a designated
2	agent, the General Designated Agent or
3	successor General Designated Agent, as
4	the case may be, shall assume the adminis-
5	tration of the musical works and rights
6	previously administered by the terminated
7	designated agent, regardless of whether the
8	terminated agent has complied with clause
9	(i).
10	"(H) MUSICAL WORKS DATABASE.—
11	"(i) AVAILABILITY.—The General
12	Designated Agent and each additional des-
13	ignated agent shall maintain and make
14	available to licensees, free of charge, a
15	searchable electronic database of informa-
16	tion from which licensees can determine
17	which musical works (or shares of musical
18	works) are available for licensing under
19	this subsection through that designated
20	agent. Any musical work (or shares of a
21	musical work) not identified as being rep-
22	resented by the General Designated Agent
23	or any additional designated agent in any
24	such database may be presumed by licens-

1	ees to be represented by the General Des-
2	ignated Agent.
3	"(ii) Use of database by des-

4 IGNATED AGENTS AND LICENSEES.—Sub-5 ject to the public access described under 6 clause (iii), the database required by clause 7 (i) may be used by designated agents and 8 licensees only for purposes of determining 9 the identity and availability of musical works for licenses under this subsection, 10 11 obtaining such licenses, reporting of use of 12 musical works, payment of royalties, and 13 otherwise to comply with licenses under 14 this subsection, except that a designated 15 agent may use or make the database it 16 maintains available for other purposes re-17 lating to musical works or music pub-18 lishers. The Copyright Royalty Judges 19 shall, in establishing cost-sharing amounts 20 pursuant to paragraph (12), consider the 21 value and benefit of any such other pur-22 poses to the designated agent and the 23 copyright owners it represents. The use of 24 any such database shall be subject to rea-25 sonable confidentiality and security stand-

1 ards prescribed in regulations to carry out 2 this subsection.

"(iii) 3 PUBLIC ACCESS TO DATA-4 BASE.—The General Designated Agent 5 and each additional designated agent shall 6 make relevant portions of the database re-7 quired by clause (i) available free of charge 8 to the general public to access information 9 concerning specific musical works that are 10 represented by the designated agent, sub-11 ject to reasonable terms and conditions of 12 use as may be prescribed by the Register 13 of Copyrights, taking into account reason-14 able protection of proprietary data. 15 "(I) LETTERS OF DIRECTION.— 16 "(i) Recoupment of advance.— 17 "(I) LETTER OF DIRECTION.— 18 Subject to subclauses (II), (III), (IV),

19 and (V), a copyright owner may sub-20 mit a letter of direction to a des-21 ignated agent instructing the des-22 ignated agent to pay royalties other-23 wise payable to the copyright owner to 24 the sound recording company in order 25

to allow the sound recording company

1	to recoup an advance payment made
2	to the copyright owner under a con-
3	tract entered into between the copy-
4	right owner and the sound recording
5	company.
6	"(II) Contracts entered into

7 BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2006.—In the

- 8 case of a contract described in sub-9 clause (I) that is entered into before
- 10 October 1, 2006, a letter of direction
- 11 is valid only if it is submitted to the
- 12 General Designated Agent by March
- **13** 30, 2008.
- 14 "(III) CONTRACTS ENTERED 15 INTO AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.—In the case of a contract described in 16 17 subclause (I) that is entered into be-18 fore on or after October 1, 2006, a 19 letter of direction is valid only if it 20 uses the terms 'letter of direction' and
- 21 'designated agent' within the meaning
  - of this subsection.

"(IV) VALIDITY OF LETTERS OF DIRECTION.—A letter of direction that complies with subclauses (II) and

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1	(III) is valid (subject to the resolution
2	of any dispute with respect to the let-
3	ter that is resolved under subclause
4	(VI)) with respect to any designated
5	agent who is or may become respon-
6	sible for payment of royalties that are
7	the subject of the contract between
8	the copyright owner and the sound re-
9	cording company.
10	"(V) EXCEPTION.—A copyright
11	owner may not submit a letter of di-
12	rection under subclause (I) if another
13	person who is not a party to the con-
14	tract described in subclause (I) owns
15	a share of the copyright in the musi-
16	cal work covered by the contract and
17	is due royalties for that musical work.
18	"(VI) DISPUTES.—If the copy-
19	right owner and the sound recording
20	company disagree on whether the con-
21	tract described in subclause (I) re-
22	quires the artist to allow recoupment,
23	either party may bring an action to
24	resolve the dispute only in the court
25	specified in the contract. If the con-

1	tract does not specify such a court, ei-
2	ther party may bring an action to re-
3	solve the dispute only in the United
4	States district court for the judicial
5	district in which the General Des-
6	ignated Agent is located.
7	"(ii) IN GENERAL.—A designated
8	agent shall comply with a valid letter of di-
9	rection submitted under clause $(i)(I)$ that
10	instructs the designated agent to pay all or
11	part of the royalties otherwise payable to
12	the copyright owner to another person.
13	"(10) ROYALTY REPORTING AND COMPLI-
14	ANCE.—
15	"(A) REQUIREMENTS.—
16	"(i) IN GENERAL.—Each licensee
17	under this subsection shall, not later than
18	30 days after the end of each calendar
19	quarter, report to the applicable designated
20	agent, in electronic format, the licensee's
21	usage of musical works under the license,
22	and make royalty payments by reason of
23	such usage,.

1	"(I) IN GENERAL.—A designated
2	agent may disclose information re-
3	ceived under clause (i) to a recipient
4	of royalty payments made by a li-
5	censee only with respect to musical
6	works owned or controlled by the re-
7	cipient. The designated agent may not
8	disclose such information to any other
9	person in a form that can be readily
10	associated with a licensee except to
11	the extent permitted by written agree-
12	ment of the licensee.
13	"(II) EXCEPTION.—Subclause (I)
14	does not prevent a designated agent
15	from providing information with re-
16	spect to a licensee—
17	"(aa) to the legal and finan-
18	cial advisors of the designated
19	agent or to an accountant or
20	auditor rendering services relat-
21	ing to this subsection; or
22	"(bb) to the extent nec-
23	essary in connection with a bona
24	fide dispute or legal claim or pro-
25	ceeding, in which case the des-

1	ignated agent shall make reason-
2	able efforts to obtain confidential
3	treatment of such information
4	and, unless precluded by oper-
5	ation of law, shall provide written
6	notice to the licensee of any im-
7	pending disclosure of the infor-
8	mation.
9	"(iii) Interest.—
10	"(I) IN GENERAL.—A licensee
11	who has failed to make a payment re-
12	quired under this subsection by the
13	due date to a designated agent (in-
14	cluding as specified in a notice of pay-
15	ment deficiency or default, as deter-
16	mined in a royalty compliance exam-
17	ination under subparagraph (B), or as
18	required by a determination of the
19	Copyright Royalty Judges), shall pay
20	to the designated agent interest on
21	the overdue amount, at an annual
22	rate of the Federal funds rate plus 5
23	percent, such interest to accrue
24	monthly from the date payment was

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due until the date payment is received by the designated agent.

"(II) DEFINITION.—In this 3 4 clause, the term 'Federal funds rate' 5 means the interest rate established by 6 the Federal Reserve at which deposi-7 tory institutions lend balances at the 8 Federal Reserve to other depository 9 institutions overnight. The Federal funds rate for any 1-month period 10 11 during which interest accrues under 12 clause (i) is the Federal funds rate in 13 effect on the first day of that 1-month 14 period. 15 "(iv) PROMOTIONAL USE EXEMP-16 TIONS.— 17 "(I) FREE PROMOTIONAL USES 18 BY DIGITAL MUSIC PROVIDERS.—A 19 digital music provider shall not be re-20 quired to pay royalties under this sub-21 section for a free promotional use of 22 a musical work in the form of an 23 interactive stream limited or

download, if the digital music provider

is authorized to do so by the owner or

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1	licensee of the applicable sound re-
2	cording, and reports to all appropriate
3	designated agents such use as a free
4	promotional use in its quarterly re-
5	ports under subparagraph (A)(i).
6	"(II) OTHER FREE PRO-
7	MOTIONAL USES BY SOUND RECORD-
8	ING OWNERS.—
9	"(aa) AUTHORITY.—The
10	owner or licensee of a sound re-
11	cording who seeks to offer free
12	promotional uses of the sound re-
13	cording in the form of an inter-
14	active stream or limited download
15	through a third party not li-
16	censed as a digital music pro-
17	vider under this subsection may
18	offer such free promotional uses
19	if the owner or licensee (as the
20	case may be)—
21	"(AA) files a notice of
22	such free promotional use,
23	at the same time that a re-
24	port under subparagraph
25	(A)(i) is filed for each quar-

1	terly reporting period in
2	which such free promotional
3	use is provided, with the
4	designated agent that rep-
5	resents the musical work (or
6	share thereof) embodied in
7	the sound recording;
8	"(BB) includes in the
9	notice the identity of the
10	work in question, the date or
11	dates of the free promotional
12	uses, the types of uses being
13	offered, the third party that
14	is distributing the uses to
15	end users, the street and
16	internet addresses of the
17	third party, and such other
18	information as the Register
19	of Copyrights may prescribe
20	by regulation.
21	"(bb) Request for docu-
22	MENTATION.—By written notice,
23	a designated agent may request
24	the owner or licensee of the
25	sound recording to provide docu-

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1	mentation demonstrating that a
2	use of a musical work qualifies as
3	a free promotional use under this
4	clause. If the owner or licensee
5	fails to provide such documenta-
6	tion within 30 days after the date
7	of such notice, the free pro-
8	motional use shall be considered
9	not to have been authorized
10	under this subclause.
11	"(III) 30-second promotional
12	STREAMS.—
13	"(aa) In general.—Not-
14	withstanding subsection (a) or
15	any other provision of this sec-
16	tion, but subject to subsection
17	(f), a digital music provider li-
18	censed under this subsection to
19	distribute a full download of a
20	sound recording, or authorized to
21	distribute a physical phonorecord
22	of a sound recording, shall, if the
23	digital music provider is author-
24	ized to do so by the owner or li-
25	censee of the sound recording,

1	has the right to create, repro-
2	duce, and transmit, including the
3	making of all server and inci-
4	dental reproductions that are
5	necessary, an excerpt of the
6	sound recording of up to 30 sec-
7	onds in length to be made avail-
8	able directly to end users in the
9	form of an interactive stream—
10	"(AA) solely for pur-
11	poses of promoting the law-
12	ful sale or paid use of the
13	sound recording, or the paid
14	use of a subscription service
15	offering the sound recording;
16	and
17	"(BB) only if such
18	stream is a free promotional
19	use.
20	"(bb) Reporting not re-
21	QUIRED.—A digital music pro-
22	vider is not required to report to
23	the designated agent free pro-
24	motional uses of 30-second ex-

1cerpts authorized under this sub-2clause.

"(cc) 3 CONSTRUCTION. authority 4 (AA) The granted 5 under this subclause does not in-6 clude or extend to any other 7 right to create, reproduce, or dis-8 tribute an excerpt of a musical 9 work for any purpose other than 10 that expressly authorized under 11 this subclause, including for use 12 as, or to promote, a ringtone or 13 mastertone.

14 "(BB) Nothing in this sub-15 clause shall be cited, relied upon, 16 interpreted, or construed for pur-17 poses of evaluating or deter-18 mining whether the creation or 19 use of an excerpt of a musical 20 work other than as expressly au-21 thorized under this subclause 22 does or does not qualify for a 23 compulsory license under this 24 section.

1	"(IV) REGULATIONS.—The Reg-
2	ister of Copyrights shall promulgate
3	regulations detailing reporting and
4	recordkeeping requirements for free
5	promotional uses.
6	"(B) ROYALTY COMPLIANCE EXAMINA-
7	TIONS.—A designated agent may, upon pro-
8	viding written notice to its licensee under this
9	subsection, conduct a royalty compliance exam-
10	ination of the licensee, subject to the following:
11	"(i) A designated agent may conduct
12	only 1 examination of any licensee in a cal-
13	endar year, and may conduct an examina-
14	tion of a licensee with respect to a report-
15	ing period only once. A designated agent
16	may conduct an examination jointly with 1
17	or more other designated agents.
18	"(ii) The examination may begin only
19	within 18 months after the end of the pe-
20	riod being examined and may only cover a
21	period of not less than 2 and not more
22	than 4 consecutive years, except that an
23	examination may cover a period of—
24	"(I) more than 4 years if the ex-
25	amination includes activities subject

1	to retroactive payments under para-
2	graph $(6);$
3	"(II) less than 2 years if—
4	"(aa) the licensee's license
5	has been terminated;
6	"(bb) the licensee has de-
7	faulted in its reporting or pay-
8	ments under this paragraph; or
9	"(cc) the licensee has termi-
10	nated or is about to terminate
11	operations, has filed or indicated
12	an intent to file for bankruptcy,
13	or has transferred or indicated
14	an intent to transfer its assets to
15	a third party; or
16	"(III) less than 2 years or more
17	than 4 years if, for other good cause,
18	the examination cannot reasonably
19	cover a period of 2 to 4 years.
20	"(iii) At the conclusion of the exam-
21	ination, the designated agent shall, after
22	considering any written rebuttal provided
23	by the licensee during the examination,
24	provide a written notice to the licensee set-
25	ting forth the designated agent's final

1	claim, if any, resulting from the examina-
2	tion.
3	"(iv) The designated agent shall bear
4	the costs of the examination, except that,
5	if the licensee underpaid royalty fees by 10
6	percent or more, the licensee shall bear the
7	reasonable costs of the examination.
8	"(v) A licensee may not assert section
9	507 of this title or any other Federal or
10	State statute of limitations, doctrine of
11	laches or estoppel, or similar provision to
12	avoid a royalty examination under this
13	subparagraph, or as a defense to a legal
14	action arising from such a royalty exam-
15	ination, if the legal action is commenced
16	within 18 months after the final claim of
17	the designated agent (as stated in the writ-
18	ten notice under clause (iii)) resulting from
19	the examination that is the basis for such
20	action.
21	"(C) FAILURE TO REPORT OR PAY ROYAL-
22	TIES.—
23	"(i) Substantial failure.—If a li-
24	censee under this subsection—

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1	"(I) fails to provide a quarterly
2	report when due or fails to provide a
3	quarterly report in compliance with
4	the error tolerance standard, or
5	"(II) fails to make all quarterly
6	royalty payments when due or fails to
7	pay royalties due for reported usage,
8	the designated agent may provide written
9	notice to the licensee describing the default
10	under subclause (I) or (II) and providing
11	that if the default is not remedied within
12	30 days after receipt of the notice, the li-
13	cense will automatically terminate upon the
14	expiration of that 30-day period. If the de-
15	fault is not remedied within that 30-day
16	period, the license terminates upon the ex-
17	piration of that 30-day period. Such termi-
18	nation makes the uses of the musical
19	works that are the subject of the default
20	actionable as acts of infringement under
21	section 501 and fully subject to the rem-
22	edies provided by sections 502 through 506
23	and 509.
24	"(ii) Failure with respect to in-
25	DIVIDUAL WORK.—

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1	"(I) EXCLUSION FROM LI-
2	CENSE.—If a licensee with an other-
3	wise valid license under this sub-
4	section—
5	"(aa) has not made the re-
6	quired reports or royalty pay-
7	ments under subparagraph (A)(i)
8	for a musical work covered by the
9	license, or
10	"(bb) upon being sent writ-
11	ten notice from the designated
12	agent of a valid reporting or pay-
13	ment deficiency with respect to
14	the use of a musical work, fails
15	to remedy that deficiency within
16	the specified cure period,
17	that work is excluded from the scope
18	of the license until such time as the li-
19	censee provides all the reports that
20	are past due, and makes all royalty
21	payments that are past due, to the
22	designated agent for that work, or the
23	designated agent otherwise identifies
24	the work, determines the usage of the
25	work, and has received from the li-

1	censee all royalty payments for the
2	work that are past due.
3	"(II) Specified cure pe-
4	RIOD.—For purposes of subclause
5	(I)(bb), the "specified cure period"
6	means, with respect to a licensee—
7	"(aa) 90 days, during the
8	first 12 month-period in which
9	the licensee engages in activities
10	under a license under this sub-
11	section;
12	"(bb) 60 days, during the
13	succeeding 12-month period in
14	which a licensee engages in ac-
15	tivities under a license under this
16	subsection; and
17	"(cc) 30 days, during any
18	period thereafter.
19	"(III) EXCEPTION.—If the li-
20	censee demonstrates to the designated
21	agent with respect to a musical work
22	that is the subject of a notice of defi-
23	ciency described in subclause $(I)(bb)$
24	that the deficiency cannot be remedied
25	because it is due to missing informa-

1	tion that, notwithstanding a diligent
2	search by the licensee, is actually and
3	objectively unobtainable by the li-
4	censee from any known source, then
5	the license shall not be invalidated
6	with respect to that work, if all royal-
7	ties due for that work have been paid.
8	"(iii) Obtaining subsequent li-
9	CENSES.—A licensee whose license is ter-
10	minated by a designated agent under
11	clause (i) and who fully remedies the de-
12	fault within 60 days after the date on
13	which the license terminates, may apply for
14	and obtain a new license from that des-
15	ignated agent, if, during the 5-year period
16	ending on the date of such termination, the
17	licensee has not previously had a license
18	terminated by the designated agent. In any
19	other case in which a license is validly ter-
20	minated by a designated agent, the des-
21	ignated agent may require the licensee to
22	meet reasonable credit or advance require-
23	ments or to demonstrate the capability to
24	report and make royalty payments in com-

1	pliance	with	this	subsection	before	obtain-
2	ing a ne	ew lic	ense.			

3 "(D) INFORMATION PROVIDED TO COPY-4 RIGHT OWNERS.—Each designated agent shall, 5 on an annual basis, provide to copyright own-6 ers, free of charge, the information, regarding 7 the musical works of those copyright owners. 8 that the designated agent receives from digital 9 music providers in the quarterly reports under 10 subparagraph (A). A copyright owner may re-11 quest such information more frequently, but in 12 such a case the designated agent may charge 13 the copyright owner the costs borne by the des-14 ignated agent in providing the information. 15 Designated agents may provide the information 16 under this subparagraph in electronic or paper 17 format.

18 "(11) DISTRIBUTION OF ROYALTIES, UN19 CLAIMED FUNDS, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—

20 "(A) DISTRIBUTION OF ROYALTIES.—Each
21 designated agent shall be responsible for dis22 tributing, on a quarterly basis, royalties col23 lected from licensees under this subsection to
24 any copyright owner whom the designated agent
25 represents and who has provided the designated

1	agent with sufficient information to identify
2	and pay that copyright owner (or the copyright
3	owner's designee). Distributions under the pre-
4	ceding sentence shall be made not later than 60
5	days after the end of each calendar quarter.
6	"(B) Unclaimed funds.—
7	"(i) IN GENERAL.—If a designated
8	agent is unable, after a reasonably diligent
9	search, to identify or locate a copyright
10	owner entitled to receive royalties under
11	subparagraph (A), the designated agent
12	may deposit the undistributed royalties (in
13	this subparagraph referred to as 'un-
14	claimed funds') into an unclaimed funds
15	account that earns interest, accrued
16	monthly, at the Federal short term rate
17	determined under section $1274(d)(1)(C)(i)$
18	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In-
19	terest accrued on unclaimed funds shall be
20	payable to a copyright owner upon dis-
21	tribution of the unclaimed funds to such
22	copyright owner.
23	"(ii) Holding and distribution.—
24	"(I) HOLDING.—A designated
25	agent with unclaimed funds shall hold

1	the funds for a period of at least 3
2	years after the date on which the li-
3	censee paid the funds. The designated
4	agent shall make reasonably diligent
5	efforts to publicize the existence of the
6	unclaimed funds and the procedures
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	by which copyright owners may claim
8	such funds from the designated agent.
9	"(II) LICENSING ADMINISTRA-
10	TIVE COSTS.—At the end of the pe-
11	riod in which funds are held under
12	subclause (I), the designated agent
13	may apply the funds to offset licens-
14	ing administrative costs.
15	"(III) DISTRIBUTION OF RE-
16	MAINDER.—Any unclaimed funds not
17	applied to offset licensing administra-
18	tive costs under subclause (II) shall
19	be distributed as follows:
20	"(aa) The designated agent
21	shall pay to every other des-
22	ignated agent its pro rata share
23	of the unclaimed funds as deter-
24	mined on the basis of the propor-
25	tionate distribution of royalties

by each designated agent to copy right owners for the reporting pe riods during which the funds
 were collected.
 "(bb) Each designated agent

6 shall distribute, on an equitable 7 basis, its pro rata share of the 8 unclaimed funds to the copyright 9 owners that the designated agent 10 represents under this subsection 11 (other than those that cannot be 12 identified or located).

13 "(iii) PREEMPTION.—This subpara14 graph preempts any State claim to un15 claimed funds.

16 "(C) DISPUTES.—

"(i) DISPUTE RESOLUTION COM-MITTEE.—Each designated agent shall establish a dispute resolution committee consisting of—

21 "(I) at least 6 representatives of
22 different music publishing entities
23 represented by the designated agent,
24 and

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1	"(II) an equal number of song-
2	writers who are legally and financially
3	independent of the designated agent,
4	who shall be appointed under clause (iii).
5	"(ii) PURPOSE.—The purpose of each
6	dispute resolution committee is to address
7	any disputes raised by a copyright owner
8	or songwriter whose works are represented
9	by the designated agent relating to license
10	rates or terms, the expenditure of fees and
11	other funds by the designated agent, and
12	the allocation and payment by the des-
13	ignated agent of royalties among individual
14	copyright owners under licenses granted by
15	the designated agent under this subsection.
16	"(iii) Appointment.—The Register
17	of Copyrights shall appoint the members of
18	each dispute resolution committee based
19	upon nominees provided by music pub-
20	lishers and songwriters. Of the music pub-
21	lishing representatives, at least 2 shall be
22	appointed from among large music pub-
23	lishing companies, and at least 2 shall be
24	appointed from among small music pub-
25	lishing companies. Of the songwriter rep-

1	resentatives, at least 3 shall be representa-
2	tives, affiliates, or members of each of the
3	performing rights organizations. The mem-
4	bers of the dispute resolution committee
5	shall serve staggered 3-year terms. In
6	making appointments under this clause,
7	the Register shall give preference to the
8	nominees that have the greatest support
9	among the interested parties.
10	"(iv) Procedures.— The Register of
11	Copyrights shall establish procedures to
12	govern the conduct of meetings by the dis-
13	pute resolution committees to assure that
14	the proceedings are fair and that decisions
15	are reached in a timely manner. The Reg-
16	ister shall include in such procedures a
17	mechanism to resolve cases in which an
18	equal number of members of the dispute
19	resolution committee vote for and against
20	a proposed solution to a dispute. The dis-
21	pute resolution process shall not affect any
22	other legal or equitable rights or remedies
23	available to any copyright owner, song-
24	writer, or designated agent.

1 "(D) PROCEDURES FOR HOLDING FUNDS 2 ROYALTIES SUBJECT TO LEGAL PRO-AND 3 CEEDINGS.—The Register of Copyrights shall 4 establish by regulation the procedures for the 5 holding by a designated agent of unclaimed 6 funds and royalties paid under this subsection 7 that are attributable to musical works that are 8 the subject of a legal dispute or proceeding. A 9 designated agent that complies with the re-10 quirements of this paragraph and such regula-11 tions shall not be subject to a legal claim based 12 upon or arising from unclaimed funds or funds 13 that are the subject of an ownership dispute or 14 legal proceeding, nor shall a copyright owner be 15 subject to a legal claim based upon or arising 16 from a designated agent's compliance with this 17 paragraph. 18 "(E) Songwriter access to informa-19 TION.— 20 "(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause 21 (ii), a songwriter whose musical works (or 22 shares thereof) are administered by a 23 music publisher for licensing under this 24 subsection (including those music pub-25 lishers represented through default rep-

1	resentation pursuant to paragraph
2	(9)(E)(iv)) may request from a designated
3	agent a copy of the relevant portions of
4	any royalty statement that the designated
5	agent provided, within the preceding 4 cal-
6	endar years, to that publisher, and that
7	shows all data provided by the designated
8	agent to the publisher regarding the use
9	and royalties distributed to the publisher
10	in connection with those works (or shares
11	thereof). A designated agent shall provide
12	the information requested by the song-
13	writer within a reasonable time after re-
14	ceiving the request. A songwriter may
15	make such a request of a particular des-
16	ignated agent not more than once each cal-
17	endar year.
18	"(ii) EXCEPTION.—If a designated
19	agent, on an annual basis or more fre-
20	quently, provides to all songwriters whose
21	works the designated agent represents in-
22	formation on royalty statements provided
23	to music publishers, the designated agent
24	is not required to provide such information
25	pursuant to a request under clause (i).

1 "(F) WITHHOLDING OF INTERIM ROYAL-2 TIES.—Each designated agent may withhold reasonable reserves from the distribution of in-3 4 terim royalties collected under this subsection 5 to allow for the possibility of a lower final stat-6 utory rate. Upon final determination of the 7 statutory rate, to the extent such reserves are 8 not required to be returned or credited to the 9 licensee, the designated agent shall distribute to 10 copyright owners such reserves with interest. 11 "(12) Cost sharing fees.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Copyright Roy-12 13 alty Judges shall determine, under such proce-14 dures as they may establish, an appropriate 15 cost-sharing mechanism and cost-sharing 16 amounts to be paid by licensees under this sub-17 section to designated agents. Not later than 18 March 1, 2007, the Copyright Royalty Judges 19 shall initiate a proceeding to determine, not 20 later than June 1, 2007, appropriate interim 21 cost-sharing amounts to apply pending the es-22 tablishment of final cost-sharing amounts. Any 23 cost-sharing mechanism or cost-sharing 24 amounts shall be equitably applied to all des-25 ignated agents. In determining a cost-sharing

1	mechanism or cost-sharing amount under this
2	paragraph, the Copyright Royalty Judges shall
3	consider—
4	"(i)(I) the actual, reasonable costs of
5	creating and maintaining an infrastructure
6	for activities of designated agents under
7	this subsection;
8	"(II) any nonmonetary contributions
9	by the parties to such infrastructures, in-
10	cluding contributions of data and services;
11	"(III) the actual, reasonable costs to
12	designated agents specifically associated
13	with the administration of licenses under
14	this subsection;
15	"(IV) the nature and value of any col-
16	lateral benefits that any party may realize
17	from the blanket license and blanket li-
18	cense system created by this subsection;
19	and
20	"(V) any other factors deemed rel-
21	evant by the Copyright Royalty Judges.
22	"(B) Cost-sharing not a factor in
23	ROYALTY RATES.—The Copyright Royalty
24	Judges, in establishing royalty rates for statu-
25	tory licenses, may not take into account the

1	cost-sharing mechanism or cost-sharing
2	amounts under subparagraph (A).
3	"(13) EXCEPTION UNDER BLANKET LI-
4	CENSES.—
5	"(A) IN GENERAL.—
6	"(i) Election to retain right to
7	BE PAID BY LICENSEE.—A sound record-
8	ing company may elect to retain the right
9	to be paid, by any licensee under this sub-
10	section with which the sound recording
11	company has a contract for the distribu-
12	tion of digital phonorecord deliveries or hy-
13	brid offerings, the applicable royalties
14	under a compulsory license under para-
15	graph (2) for the use a musical work as
16	embodied in a particular sound recording
17	in the form of such digital phonorecord de-
18	liveries or hybrid offerings, and to dis-
19	tribute such royalties as appropriate to
20	copyright owners, if the following condi-
21	tions are met:
22	"(I) The sound recording com-
23	pany notifies the appropriate des-
24	ignated agent and each such licensee
25	in writing of the election.

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1	"(II) The use of the musical
2	work as embodied in the sound re-
3	cording—
4	"(aa) is a digital phono-
5	record delivery that is subject to
6	a contract to which the second
7	sentence of subsection
8	(c)(3)(E)(i) is inapplicable by op-
9	eration of subsection
10	(c)(3)(E)(ii); or
11	"(bb) is not a digital phono-
12	record delivery and is subject to
13	a contract to which subsection
14	(c)(3)(E)(i) applies.
15	"(ii) Requirements of notice
16	The notice required by clause (i)(I) may be
17	provided electronically at any time and
18	shall be effective beginning with payment
19	for the reporting quarter following the
20	quarter during which the notice is pro-
21	vided. The notice shall include sufficient
22	data to identify the applicable sound re-
23	cording, the musical work embodied in the
24	sound recording and relevant shares there-
25	of, and the digital music provider and spe-

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cific activities that are the subject of the election under clause (i).

"(iii) 3 ACTIONS BY DESIGNATED 4 AGENT.—A designated agent receiving a notice of an election under clause (i)(I)5 6 shall indicate that election in its database 7 maintained under paragraph (9)(H) and 8 shall take such other steps as may be re-9 quired, in view of its payment arrange-10 ments with digital music providers, to im-11 plement the election.

12 "(iv) PAYMENTS.—For any musical 13 work or share thereof that with respect to 14 which a sound recording company makes 15 an election under this subparagraph, the 16 digital music provider shall make the ap-17 propriate payments to the sound recording 18 company in accordance with the contracts 19 between the digital music provider and the 20 sound recording company, and the sound 21 recording company shall make the appro-22 priate payments to copyright owners in ac-23 cordance with its contracts for use of the 24 musical work.

25 "(B) Errors.—

1	"(i) By designated agents.—In
2	any case in which a designated agent ac-
3	cepts in error payments for a use of a mu-
4	sical work with respect to which a sound
5	recording company makes an election
6	under subparagraph (A), the sound record-
7	ing company may provide written notice of
8	the error to the designated agent. If the
9	designated agent fails to remedy the error
10	by sending to the sound recording com-
11	pany, within 30 days after the date of the
12	notice, the erroneously accepted funds,
13	with interest calculated as provided in
14	paragraph (10)(A)(iii), the designated
15	agent shall be liable to the sound recording
16	company in a civil action for the payment
17	of the erroneously accepted funds, with in-
18	terest calculated as provided in paragraph
19	(10)(A)(iii). The United States district
20	courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction of
21	such a civil action. The remedy provided in
22	section 505 shall be available in such an
23	action only if the designated agent did not
24	act in good faith.

1	"(ii) By sound recording compa-
2	NIES.—In any case in which a sound re-
3	cording company makes an election under
4	subparagraph (A) with respect to the use
5	of a musical work in error, the copyright
6	owner of the work may provide written no-
7	tice of the error to the sound recording
8	company. If the sound recording company
9	fails to remedy the error by correcting the
10	erroneous notice and sending to the copy-
11	right owner the difference between the roy-
12	alties that the copyright owner should have
13	received from the designated agent and the
14	royalties paid by the sound recording com-
15	pany based upon the erroneous election,
16	with interest calculated as provided in
17	paragraph (10)(A)(iii), the sound recording
18	company shall be liable to the copyright
19	owner in a civil action for the payment of
20	the difference in royalties, with interest
21	calculated as provided in paragraph
22	(10)(A)(iii). The United States district
23	courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction of
24	such a civil action. The remedy provided in
25	section 505 shall be available in such an

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action only if the sound recording company did not act in good faith.

"(iii) DESIGNATED AGENTS PRO-TECTED.—A designated agent that acts in accordance with a notice provided under subparagraph (A)(i)(I), even if the notice was erroneously provided, shall not be subject to a legal claim by a copyright owner based upon or arising out of the actions of the designated agent with respect to the notice.

12 "(iv) Consequences for digital 13 MUSIC PROVIDERS AND SOUND RECORDING 14 COMPANIES.—Any digital music provider 15 that has a valid license under this sub-16 section with the appropriate designated 17 agent, that acts in good faith with respect 18 to an election under subparagraph (A) by 19 a sound recording company, and that re-20 ports activity and makes payments under 21 this subsection to the designated agent or sound recording company in accordance 22 23 with the notice of the election under sub-24 paragraph (A)(i)(I), shall not be subject to 25 any liability, including any action for copy-

right infringement of musical works alleg-
ing the violation of reproduction or dis-
tribution rights, to the extent such action
is based on activity so reported for which
all payments due have been made. In any
case in which a digital music provider or a
sound recording company does not make
the required payments for the use of a mu-
sical work, this paragraph neither expands
nor limits the rights of any person under
the applicable contracts, this title, or other
applicable law.
"(C) Exclusion errors.—
"(i) NOT EXCLUDED.—In any case in
which a musical work could have been ex-
cluded pursuant to subparagraph (A) but
was not due to uncertainty concerning
ownership of the copyright of the musical
work or the application of a contract de-
scribed in subsection $(c)(3)(E)(ii)$ , or in
any case in which a digital music provider
makes payments to a designated agent for
use of a musical work excluded under sub-
paragraph (A), the designated agent shall
make payments to the appropriate person

1	as if the exclusion under subparagraph (A)
2	had applied on the date of the enactment
3	of the Section 115 Reform Act of 2006,
4	unless an agreement between the des-
5	ignated agent and the appropriate person
6	provides otherwise.
7	"(ii) Excluded.—In any case in
8	which a musical work was excluded pursu-
9	ant to subparagraph (A) in error—
10	"(I) a sound recording company
11	acting in good faith with regard to the
12	exclusion shall only be liable for the
13	payment of amounts that otherwise
14	would have been payable under this
15	subsection, plus interest as described
16	in paragraph (10)(A)(iii)(II); and
17	"(II) a licensee acting in good
18	faith with regard to the exclusion
19	shall not be liable because of such
20	error.
21	"(14) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:
22	"(A) Administrative fees.—The term
23	'administrative fees' means any fees that are
24	collected or deducted by a designated agent to

1	cover licensing administrative costs or other ad-
2	ministrative costs.
3	"(B) Copyright owner.—The term
4	'copyright owner' means a copyright owner, as
5	defined in section 101, that is a natural person
6	or legally recognized entity that owns or con-
7	trols an interest or share in 1 or more copy-
8	righted nondramatic musical works subject to
9	licensing under this section.
10	"(C) DIGITAL MUSIC PROVIDER.—The
11	term 'digital music provider' means a person
12	that—
13	"(i) with respect to a service engaging
14	in activities licensed under this sub-
15	section—
16	"(I) contracts with or has a di-
17	rect relationship with the end users of
18	the service, and controls what, if any,
19	consideration is received from end
20	users or others for the service;
21	"(II) controls how musical con-
22	tent is bundled with other musical or
23	nonmusical content and offered

through the service;

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"(III) is able to fully report on
all revenues and consideration re-
ceived by or credited to the service;
and
"(IV) is able to fully report on all
elements of music usage by the service
(or procure such reporting); or
"(ii) with respect to hybrid offerings
only, makes and distributes a hybrid offer-
ing, and—
"(I) controls how musical content
is bundled with other musical and
nonmusical content in the hybrid of-
fering;
"(II) is able to fully report on all
revenues and consideration received
by or credited to such person with re-
spect to the hybrid offering; and
"(III) is able to fully report on
all elements of music usage in the hy-
brid offering (or procure such report-
ing).
"(D) ERROR TOLERANCE STANDARD.—
The term 'error tolerance standard' means the
maximum percentage, of all data that a licensee

1	is required to report under this subsection
2	under its license in any statutory reporting pe-
3	riod, that is permitted to be inaccurate,
4	unreadable, or missing, or any combination
5	thereof, as determined under regulations issued
6	to carry out this subsection.
7	"(E) FREE PROMOTIONAL USE.—The term
8	'free promotional use' means the audio-only use
9	of a musical work if—
10	"(i) with respect to the owner or ex-
11	clusive licensee of the sound recording that
12	is authorizing the use, or, as applicable,
13	the digital music provider making the use,
14	the primary purpose of the use is to pro-
15	mote either the lawful sale or paid use of
16	a sound recording embodying the musical
17	work or other sound recordings by the
18	same featured recording artist, or the paid
19	use of a subscription service offering the
20	sound recording, but the primary purpose
21	is not to promote any other product, offer-
22	ing, or entity;
23	"(ii) the sound recording is made
24	available to end users free of charge;

1	"(iii) (I) no cash or non-cash consid-
2	eration of any kind is received by the
3	owner or exclusive licensee of the sound re-
4	cording, a digital music provider, third
5	party distributor, or any other person, in
6	connection with such use of the musical
7	work or sound recording, except for—
8	"(aa) the promotion of the lawful
9	sale or paid use of the sound record-
10	ing or paid use of a subscription serv-
11	ice offering the sound recording; or
12	"(bb) the lawful collection of con-
13	tact information from end users to ac-
14	cess the work, either directly or
15	through the third party user, solely
16	for the purposes permitted by clause
17	(i); and
18	"(II) the limited consideration per-
19	mitted under items (aa) and (bb) of sub-
20	clause (I) is not received in connection
21	with, or used to support, any other prod-
22	uct, offering, or entity.
23	"(F) Full download.—The term 'full
24	download' means a digital phonorecord delivery
25	of a sound recording of a musical work that is

1	not limited in availability for listening by the
2	end user either to a period of time or a number
3	of times the sound recording can be played.
4	"(G) Hybrid offering.—The term 'hy-
5	brid offering' means—
6	"(i) a reproduction or distribution of
7	a phonorecord in physical form subject to
8	a compulsory license under this section if
9	a digital transmission of data by or under
10	the authority of the licensee is required to
11	render the sound recording embodied on
12	the phonorecord audible to the end user, or
13	to enable the continued rendering of the
14	sound recording audible after a finite pe-
15	riod of time or a specified number of times
16	rendered; or
17	"(ii) a reproduction or distribution of
18	a phonorecord subject to a compulsory li-
19	cense under this section that is custom-
20	made by or under the authority of the li-
21	censee—
22	"(I) using a device located at a
23	physical retail establishment based
24	upon the specific request of an end
25	user for distribution as a digital pho-

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norecord delivery or in physical form
to that end user at such retail estab-
lishment; or
"(II) based upon the specific re-
quest of an end user for distribution
in physical form to that end user (or
the end user's designee) through a
mail order or private delivery service.
"(H) INTERACTIVE STREAM.—
"(i) IN GENERAL.—The term 'inter-
active stream' means an audio-only stream
of a sound recording of a musical work
that—
"(I) is made by an interactive
service;
"(II) is made by a service if more
than 7 percent of the programming of
the service, on a per channel basis, as
measured over a period of 168 hours
of broadcasting, consists of—
"(aa) selections of sound re-
cordings from any single com-
mercially released phonorecord;

1	"(bb) selections of sound re-
2	cordings by the same featured re-
3	cording artist, that are either
4	played consecutively or constitute
5	more than 50 percent of the pro-
6	gramming in any given hour, ex-
7	cept in unique and isolated cir-
8	cumstances such as a memorial
9	tribute program for a particular
10	artist lasting no more than 24
11	hours that is broadcast within a
12	week of the honoree's death or
13	upon the anniversary of the hon-
14	oree's death; or
15	"(III) is made by a service that
16	publishes or publicizes, in advance,
17	the titles of sound recordings to be
18	transmitted at specified times or dur-
19	ing specific blocks of time in the fu-
20	ture, other than a schedule of classical
21	music programming, except that this
22	subclause does not include the an-
23	nouncement by a transmitting entity
24	of a particular song to be broadcast.

1	If an entity offers both interactive and
2	noninteractive services (either concur-
3	rently, through different channels or offer-
4	ings, or at different times), the noninter-
5	active component shall not be treated as
6	part of an interactive service.
7	"(ii) INTERACTIVE SERVICE.—In this
8	subparagraph, the term 'interactive service'
9	means a service that enables a member of
10	the public to receive a transmission of a
11	program specially created for the recipient,
12	or on request, a transmission of a par-
13	ticular sound recording, whether or not as
14	part of a program, which is selected by or
15	on behalf of the recipient; except that the
16	ability of individuals to request that par-
17	ticular sound recordings be performed for
18	reception by the public at large, or in the
19	case of a subscription service, by all sub-
20	scribers of the service, does not make a
21	service interactive, if the programming on
22	each channel of the service does not sub-
23	stantially consist of sound recordings that
24	are performed within 1 hour of the request
25	or at a time designated by either the trans-

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1	mitting entity or the individual making the
2	request.
3	"(I) LICENSING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—
4	The term 'licensing administrative costs' means
5	the actual costs to a designated agent that are
6	attributable to the issuance and administration
7	of licenses under this subsection, including—
8	"(i) costs in connection with the col-
9	lection and distribution of royalties under
10	this subsection;
11	"(ii) the costs of identifying and locat-
12	ing copyright owners and administering a
13	claims system for unidentified copyright
14	owners;
15	"(iii) the costs of royalty examinations
16	and other royalty compliance efforts; and
17	"(iv) the costs of creating and main-
18	taining an infrastructure for the activities
19	described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii).
20	"(J) LIMITED DOWNLOAD.—The term
21	'limited download' means a digital phonorecord
22	delivery to an end user of a sound recording of
23	a musical work that is only available for listen-
24	ing for—

1	"(i) a definite period of time (includ-
2	ing a period of time defined by ongoing
3	subscription payments made by an end
4	user); or
5	"(ii) a specified number of times.
6	"(K) Noninteractive streaming.—The
7	term 'noninteractive streaming' means the mak-
8	ing of any audio-only stream of a sound record-
9	ings of musical work—
10	"(i) that is not an interactive stream;
11	"(ii) that, except as may otherwise be
12	authorized by the copyright owner, consists
13	of a transmission of a musical work that—
14	"(I) has previously been distrib-
15	uted to the public in the United
16	States under authority of the copy-
17	right owner or pre-released under au-
18	thority of the sound recording owner
19	for promotional purposes; and
20	"(II) is embodied in a lawfully
21	made sound recording;
22	"(iii) that does not violate the condi-
23	tions that apply to compulsory licensing of
24	musical works set forth in subsection
25	(a)(2); and

1	"(iv) for which all necessary licenses
2	have been obtained to perform the musical
3	work publicly.
4	"(L) Other administrative costs.—
5	The term 'other administrative costs' means all
6	expenses, expenditures, retained earnings, and
7	reserves of a designated agent, other than li-
8	censing administrative costs, that are author-
9	ized by the board of directors of the designated
10	agent.
11	"(M) Songwriter.—The term 'song-
12	writer' means the author of a musical work.
13	"(N) Sound recording company.—The
14	term 'sound recording company' means a per-
15	son who—
16	"(i) is a copyright owner of a sound
17	recording of a musical work;
18	"(ii) in the case of a sound recording
19	of a musical fixed before February 15,
20	1972, has rights to the sound recording,
21	under the common law or statutes of any
22	State, that are similar to the rights under
23	this title of a copyright owner of a sound
24	recording of a musical work;

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"(iii) is an exclusive licensee of a
sound recording of a musical work; or
"(iv) performs the functions of mar-
keting and authorizing the distribution of
a sound recording of a musical work under
its own label, under the authority of the
copyright owner of the sound recording.
"(O) STREAM.—(i) The term 'stream'
means the digital transmission of a sound re-
cording embodying a musical work for one-time
listening by the end user using technology such
that the transmission is not intended or de-
signed to result in a substantially complete re-
production of the sound recording, other than
an incidental reproduction made in the normal
course of such activity, including a cached, net-
work, or RAM buffer reproduction, to permit
such one-time listening.
"(ii) The term 'streaming' means the proc-
ess of making and distributing streams.
"(15) Regulations.—
"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Register of Copy-
rights shall issue such regulations as are nec-
essary to carry out this subsection, including—

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1	"(i) specifying the requirements and
2	procedures for reporting and making pay-
3	ments, and conducting royalty compliance
4	examinations, under paragraph (10), in-
5	cluding provisions for the protection of
6	confidential information and the effect of
7	settlements with respect to royalty compli-
8	ance examinations;
9	"(ii) specifying the procedures for ex-
10	pedited proceedings under paragraph
11	(8)(E)(ii)(II)(bb) and subsection
12	(c)(7)(B)(ii)(II);
13	"(iii) specifying the form of a letter of
14	direction under paragraph (9)(I)(i); and
15	"(iv) facilitating exclusions from the
16	blanket license under paragraph (13).
17	"(B) RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.—If a
18	copyright owner or user of nondramatic musical
19	works wishes to have the Register of Copyrights
20	resolve a dispute concerning whether an activity
21	or offering subject to compulsory licensing
22	under this section is licensable under this sub-
23	section or under subsection (b), the copyright
24	owner or user may petition the Register for
25	such a determination. If it appears to the Reg-

ister from the petition that the issue presented
 is likely to be material to multiple copyright
 owners or users, then the Register shall decide
 the issue by rulemaking within 6 months after
 the date of the petition.

6 "(16) APPLICATION OF SUBSECTION TO PRE-7 EXISTING LICENSES.—This subsection shall apply to 8 digital phonorecord deliveries and hybrid offerings in 9 lieu of any compulsory license under this section 10 that applied to such digital phonorecord deliveries 11 and hybrid offerings before the enactment of the 12 Section 115 Reform Act of 2006.".

### 13 SEC. 103. PERFORMANCE RIGHT PRESERVED.

14 Section 115 of title 17, United States Code, is15 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-16 section:

17 "(f) RIGHT PERFORMANCE PRESERVED.—The 18 rights, exemptions, and licenses granted under, and the definitions contained in, subsection (e) shall not include, 19 limit, or otherwise affect any right of public performance 20 21 of a musical work. The third sentence of subsection 22 (e)(9)(E)(iv) and the definitions contained in paragraph 23 (14) of subsection (e) shall not be taken into account in 24 any administrative, judicial, or other governmental pro-25 ceeding to set or adjust the royalties payable to copyright

owners of musical works for, the right of public perform ance of their works.".

#### 3 SEC. 104. INTERIM RATE PROCESS.

4 Section 115(c) of title 17, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new para6 graph:

7 "(7) INTERIM RATES.—

8 "(A) IN GENERAL.—For any new type of 9 phonorecord configuration for which a license is available under this section (other than an ac-10 11 tivity for which a license is available under sub-12 section (e)) for which a rate and terms have not 13 been determined, any person shall, upon serving 14 notice in accordance with subsection (b)(1), 15 have a license to make and distribute such 16 phonorecords, subject to subparagraph (B).

17 "(B) INTERIM RATES.—Upon serving no18 tice as described in subparagraph (A) with re19 spect to a phonorecord configuration—

20 "(i) the parties may negotiate an in21 terim rate and terms that will apply to the
22 configuration under the license; or
23 "(ii) either party or both parties may
24 apply to the Copyright Royalty Judges for

an interim rate and terms, in which case—

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1	"(I) the Copyright Royalty
2	Judges shall, not later than 15 days
3	after the application is made, publish
4	notice of an expedited proceeding to
5	determine the interim rate and terms;
6	and
7	"(II) the Judges shall conduct
8	the expedited proceeding and deter-
9	mine the interim rate and terms not
10	less than 30 days and not more than
11	60 days after publishing the notice.
12	"(C) Applicability of interim
13	RATES.—(i) Interim rates and terms negotiated
14	under subparagraph (B)(i) or established under
15	subparagraph (B)(ii) shall be retroactive to the
16	inception of the activity under the license con-
17	cerned and shall apply until a rate and terms
18	for the phonorecord configuration are deter-
19	mined under paragraph $(3)(C)$ and chapter 8,
20	or as otherwise agreed by the parties.
21	"(ii) Interim rates and terms described in
22	subparagraph (B) with respect to a configura-
23	tion shall not be treated as precedent in a final
24	ratemaking proceeding. If the Copyright Roy-
25	alty Judges have established an interim rate

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and terms under subparagraph (B)(ii), that rate and those terms shall apply to the same activity engaged in by any person, except as otherwise agreed to by the parties.

5 "(D) SINGLE PROCEEDING FOR EACH AC-6 TIVITY.—Unless the Copyright Royalty Judges 7 determine that there is good cause to review an interim rate or terms established under sub-8 9 paragraph (B)(ii), the Copyright Royalty 10 Judges may conduct only 1 proceeding to deter-11 mine an interim rate and terms for a configura-12 tion for which a license is available under this 13 subsection.

14 "(E) ADJUSTMENT OF INTERIM RATES.— 15 After a final determination of rates and terms 16 that will apply to a configuration for which a li-17 cense is available under this subsection has 18 been made under paragraph (3)(C) and chapter 19 8, the final rate and terms shall be retroactive 20 to the inception of the making and distribution 21 of phonorecords under all licenses to which such 22 rate and terms apply, unless an agreement be-23 tween the parties to a license provides other-24 wise. Not later than 60 days after the deter-

1	mination of the final rate and terms becomes						
2	effective—						
3	"(i) the licensee shall pay to the copy-						
4	right owner any amounts due from under-						
5	payment of fees by the licensee because the						
6	final rate exceeds the interim rate; or						
7	"(ii) the copyright owner shall refund						
8	to the licensee the amounts of any overpay-						
9	ment of fees by the licensee because the in-						
10	terim rate exceeds the final rate, or, at the						
11	election of the licensee, the copyright						
12	owner shall credit such overpayment						
13	against future payments by the licensee to						
14	the copyright owner under this sub-						
15	section.".						
16	SEC. 105. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.						
17	(a) DEFINITION.—Section 115(d) of title 17, United						
18	States Code, is amended—						
19	(1) in the first sentence, by striking "As used"						
20	and inserting by adding at the end the following: "."						
21	"(1) IN GENERAL.—As used";						
22	(2) by moving the remaining text $2 \text{ ems}$ to the						
23	right; and						
24	(3) by adding at the end the following:						

"(2) INTERACTIVE STREAMS.—The term 'digital phonorecord delivery' includes an interactive
stream (as such term is defined in subsection
(e)(14)(H)) of nondramatic musical works, on the
following terms:

6 "(A) An interactive stream is an incidental
7 digital phonorecord delivery as described in sub8 section (c)(3)(C)(i) and (D)(i). An interactive
9 stream is not a general digital phonorecord de10 livery as described in subsection (c)(3)(C)(ii)
11 and (D)(ii).

12 "(B) The Copyright Royalty Judges, in establishing royalty rates or terms for digital pho-13 14 norecord deliveries, shall not consider the char-15 acterization, in this section or regulations 16 issued under this section, of a digital phono-17 record delivery as general or incidental. The 18 preceding sentence does not limit the ability of 19 the Copyright Royalty Judges to refer to the 20 actual nature or functionality of the particular 21 type of digital phonorecord delivery in a rate-22 making proceeding.".

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 115(c) of
24 title 17, United States Code, is amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (3)—

1	(A) in the first sentence of subparagraph
2	(A), by striking "or authorize the distribution
3	of";
4	(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking
5	"Such terms and rates shall distinguish" and
6	all that follows through the end of the sentence;
7	(C) in subparagraph (D), by striking
8	"Such terms and rates shall distinguish" and
9	all that follows through the end of the sentence;
10	and
11	(D) in subparagraph (E)(i), by inserting
12	after "License agreements," the following: "to
13	make and distribute phonorecords other than
14	digital phonorecord deliveries and hybrid offer-
15	ings"; and
16	(2) in paragraph $(5)$ —
17	(A) by striking "(5) Royalty payments"
18	and inserting "(5)(A) Subject to subparagraph
19	(B), royalty payments"; and
20	(B) by adding at the end the following:
21	"(B) Payments under the license provided for
22	under subsection (e) shall be governed by that sub-
23	section in lieu of subparagraph (A).".

## 1 SEC. 106. EFFECTIVE DATE.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), this
3 title and the amendments made by this title take effect
4 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 (b) DELAY OF LICENSES.—No license under sub6 section (e) of section 115 of title 17, United States Code,
7 may take effect before January 1, 2008.

## 8 SEC. 107. SAVINGS CLAUSES.

9 (a) SCOPE OF RIGHTS COVERED.—This title and the 10 amendments made by this title are limited to the exclusive 11 rights to reproduce and distribute musical works as pro-12 vided by paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 106 of title 13 17, United States Code, and do not create any new exclu-14 sive rights under section 106 of title 17, United Stats 15 Code.

(b) FAIR USE.—Nothing in this title shall affect any
right, limitation, or defense to copyright infringement, including fair use, under title 17, United States Code.

(c) PROTECTIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS.—This
title and the amendments made by this title shall not be
construed to limit in any manner the protections afforded
to service providers under section 512 of title 17, United
States Code.

### 24 SEC. 108. STAYING OF INFRINGEMENT ACTIONS.

25 If an action for infringement is brought against a dig-26 ital music provider (as defined in section 115(e)(14) of

1 title 17, United States Code) for activities engaged in be2 fore January 1, 2008, that may be covered by a license
3 under section 115(e) of title 17, United States Code, the
4 court may stay the action until not later than March 1,
5 2008, if the digital music provider makes the payments
6 required under section 115(e)(6) of such title, for such
7 activities.

## 8 TITLE II—ORPHAN WORKS

## 9 SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

10 This title may be cited as the "Orphan Works Act11 of 2006"

## 12 SEC. 202. LIMITATION ON REMEDIES IN CASES INVOLVING 13 ORPHAN WORKS.

(a) LIMITATION ON REMEDIES.—Chapter 5 of title
15 17, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
16 the following new section:

## 17 "§ 514. Limitation on remedies in cases involving or-

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19 "(a) Conditions for Eligibility.—

20 "(1) CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding sections
21 502 through 505, in an action brought under this
22 title for infringement of copyright in a work, the
23 remedies for infringement shall be limited under
24 subsection (b) if the infringer sustains the burden of
25 proving, and the court finds, that—

1	"(A) before the infringing use of the work
2	began, the infringer, a person acting on behalf
3	of the infringer, or any person jointly and sev-
4	erally liable with the infringer for the infringe-
5	ment of the work—
6	"(i) performed and documented a rea-
7	sonably diligent search in good faith to
8	identify and locate the owner of the in-
9	fringed copyright; but
10	"(ii) was unable to locate the owner;
11	and
12	"(B) the infringing use of the work pro-
13	vided attribution, in a manner reasonable under
14	the circumstances, to the author and owner of
15	the copyright, if known with a reasonable de-
16	gree of certainty based on information obtained
17	in performing the reasonably diligent search.
18	"(2) Definitions; requirements for
19	SEARCHES.—
20	"(A) Owner of infringed copyright.—
21	For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the 'owner'
22	of an infringed copyright in a work is the legal
23	or beneficial owner of, or any party with au-
24	thority to grant or license, an exclusive right

1	under section 106 applicable to the infringe-
2	ment.
3	"(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR REASONABLY
4	DILIGENT SEARCH.—(i) For purposes of para-
5	graph (1), a search to locate the owner of an
6	infringed copyright in a work—
7	"(I) is 'reasonably diligent' only if it
8	includes such steps that are reasonable
9	under the circumstances to locate that
10	owner in order to obtain permission for the
11	use of the work; and
12	"(II) is not 'reasonably diligent' solely
13	by reference to the lack of identifying in-
14	formation with respect to the copyright on
15	the copy or phonorecord of the work.
16	"(ii) The steps referred to in clause $(i)(I)$
17	shall ordinarily include, at a minimum, review
18	of the information maintained by the Register
19	of Copyrights under subparagraph (C).
20	"(iii) A reasonably diligent search includes
21	the use of such expertise and technology as are
22	reasonably available and appropriate under the
23	circumstances, and may include, if reasonable
24	under the circumstances, resources for which a
25	charge or subscription fee is imposed.

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1	"(C) INFORMATION TO GUIDE
2	SEARCHES.—The Register of Copyrights shall
3	receive, maintain, and make available to the
4	public, including through the Internet, informa-
5	tion from authoritative sources, such as indus-
6	try guidelines, statements of best practices, and
7	other relevant documents, that is designed to
8	assist users in conducting and documenting a
9	reasonably diligent search under this sub-
10	section. Such information may include—
11	"(i) the records of the Copyright Of-
12	fice that are relevant to identifying and lo-
13	cating copyright owners;
14	"(ii) other sources of copyright owner-
15	ship information reasonably available to
16	users;
17	"(iii) methods to identify copyright
18	ownership information associated with a
19	work;
20	"(iv) sources of reasonably available
21	technology tools and reasonably available
22	expert assistance; and
23	"(v) best practices for documenting a
24	reasonably diligent search.

"(b) LIMITATIONS ON REMEDIES.—The limitations
 on remedies in a case to which subsection (a) applies are
 the following:

- 4 "(1) MONETARY RELIEF.—
- 5 "(A) GENERAL RULE.—Subject to sub-6 paragraph (B), an award for monetary relief 7 (including actual damages, statutory damages, 8 costs, and attorney's fees) may not be made, 9 other than an order requiring the infringer to 10 pay reasonable compensation for the use of the 11 infringed work.

12 "(B) EXCEPTIONS.—(i) An order requiring
13 the infringer to pay reasonable compensation
14 for the use of the infringed work may not be
15 made under subparagraph (A) if—

"(I) the infringement is performed
without any purpose of direct or indirect
commercial advantage and primarily for a
charitable, religious, scholarly, or educational purpose, and

21 "(II) the infringer ceases the infringe22 ment expeditiously after receiving notice of
23 the claim for infringement,

unless the copyright owner proves, and thecourt finds, that the infringer has earned

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"(ii) If, after receiving notice of the claim for infringement, the infringer fails to negotiate in good faith with the owner of the infringed work regarding the amount of reasonable compensation for the use of the infringed work, the court may award full costs, including a reasonable attorney's fee, against the infringer under section 505, subject to section 412.

11 "(2) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—

12 "(A) GENERAL RULE.—Subject to sub-13 paragraph (B), the court may impose injunctive 14 relief to prevent or restrain the infringing use, 15 except that, if the infringer has met the re-16 quirements of subsection (a), the relief shall, to 17 the extent practicable, account for any harm 18 that the relief would cause the infringer due to 19 its reliance on the reasonably diligent search 20 performed under subsection (a).

21 "(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR NEW WORKS.—In
22 a case in which a new work of authorship
23 recasts, transforms, adapts, or integrates the
24 infringed work with the new work's original ex-

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1	pression, any injunctive relief ordered by the
2	court—
3	"(i) may not restrain the infringer's
4	continued preparation or use of that new
5	work;
6	"(ii) shall require that the infringer
7	pay reasonable compensation to the owner
8	of the infringed copyright for the use of
9	the infringed work; and
10	"(iii) shall require that the infringer
11	provide attribution to the owner of the in-
12	fringed copyright in a manner that the
13	court determines is reasonable under the
14	circumstances.
15	"(C) TREATMENT OF PARTIES NOT SUB-
16	JECT TO SUIT.—The limitations on remedies
17	under this paragraph shall not be available to
18	an infringer that asserts in an action under sec-
19	tion 501(b) that neither it nor its representative
20	acting in an official capacity is subject to suit
21	in Federal court for an award of damages to
22	the copyright owner under section 504, unless
23	the court finds that the infringer-

1	"(i) has complied with the require-
2	ments of subsection (a) of this section; and
3	"(ii) pays reasonable compensation to
4	the copyright owner as defined under para-
5	graph (3).
6	"(D) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-
7	paragraph (C) shall be deemed to authorize or
8	require, and no action taken pursuant to sub-
9	paragraph (C) shall be deemed to constitute, an
10	award of damages by the court against the in-
11	fringer.
12	"(E) RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES NOT
13	WAIVED.—No action taken by an infringer pur-
14	suant to subparagraph (C) shall be deemed to
15	waive any right or privilege that, as a matter of
16	law, protects the infringer from being subject to
17	suit in Federal court for an award of damages
18	to the copyright owner under section 504.
19	"(3) Reasonable compensation.—In estab-
20	lishing reasonable compensation under paragraph
21	(1) or $(2)$ , the owner of the infringed copyright has
22	the burden of establishing the amount on which a
23	reasonable willing buyer and a reasonable willing
24	seller in the positions of the owner and the infringer
25	would have agreed with respect to the infringing use

- of the work immediately before the infringement
   began.
- 3 "(c) PRESERVATION OF OTHER RIGHTS, LIMITA-4 TIONS, AND DEFENSES.—This section does not affect any 5 right, limitation, or defense to copyright infringement, in-6 cluding fair use, under this title. If another provision of 7 this title provides for a statutory license when the copy-8 right owner cannot be located, that provision applies in 9 lieu of this section.
- "(d) COPYRIGHT FOR DERIVATIVE WORKS AND COMPILATIONS.—Notwithstanding section 103(a), the infringing use of a work in accordance with this section shall
  not limit or affect the copyright protection for a work that
  employs the infringed work.".
- (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-16 tions for chapter 5 of title 17, United States Code, is
- 17 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"514. Limitation on remedies in cases involving orphan works.".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
this section shall apply only to infringing uses that commence on or after June 1, 2008.

## 21 SEC. 203. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON AMENDMENTS.

The Register of Copyrights shall, not later than December 12, 2014, report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate on the implementation and

effects of the amendments made by section 202, including
 any recommendations for legislative changes that the Reg ister considers appropriate.

## 4 SEC. 204. INQUIRY ON REMEDIES FOR SMALL COPYRIGHT 5 CLAIMS.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Register of Copyrights shall 7 conduct an inquiry with respect to remedies for copyright 8 infringement claims by an individual copyright owner or 9 a related group of copyright owners seeking limited 10 amounts of monetary relief, including consideration of alternative means of resolving disputes currently heard in 11 12 the United States district courts. The inquiry shall cover 13 infringement claims to which section 514 of title 17, United States Code (as added by section 202 of this Act), 14 15 apply, and other infringement claims under title 17, United States Code. 16

17 (b) PROCEDURES.—The Register of Copyrights shall 18 publish notice of the inquiry under subsection (a), pro-19 viding a period during which interested persons may sub-20 mit comments on the inquiry, and an opportunity for in-21 terested persons to participate in public roundtables on 22 the inquiry. The Register shall hold the public roundtables 23 at such times as the Register considers appropriate.

24 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Register of Copy-25 rights shall, not later than 1 year after the date of the

enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to the Com mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives
 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate a report
 on the inquiry conducted under this section, including
 such recommendations that the Register considers appro priate.

# 7 TITLE III—COPYRIGHT 8 PROTECTION RESOURCES

#### 9 SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

10 This title may be cited as the "Copyright Protection11 Resources Authorization Act of 2006".

12 SEC. 302. REGISTRATION IN CIVIL INFRINGEMENT AC-13 TIONS.

(a) LIMITATION TO CIVIL ACTIONS; PROTECTION OF
COPYRIGHT CLAIM WITH PENDING APPLICATION; HARMLESS ERROR.—Section 411 of title 17, United States
Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

"(b)(1) A certificate of registration satisfies the requirements of this section and section 412, regardless of
whether the certificate contains any inaccurate information, unless—

23 "(A) the inaccurate information was included
24 on the application for copyright registration with
25 knowledge that it was inaccurate; and

"(B) the inaccurate information, if known,
 would have caused the Register of Copyrights to
 refuse registration.

4 "(2) In any case in which inaccurate information de-5 scribed under paragraph (1) is alleged, the court shall re-6 quest the Register of Copyrights to advise the court 7 whether the inaccurate information, if known, would have 8 caused the Register of Copyrights to refuse registra-9 tion.";".

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 412 of title
11 17, United States Code, is amended by striking "411(b)"
12 and inserting "411(c)".

## 13 SEC. 303. STATUTORY DAMAGES.

Section 504(c)(1) of title 17, United States Code, is amended in the second sentence by inserting before the period ", except that the court in its discretion may determine that such parts are separate works if the court concludes that they are distinct works having independent economic value".

20SEC. 304. IMPROVED INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC RE-21SOURCES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS RE-22LATED TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY23CRIMES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in con-sultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of In-

1	vestigation, shall, with respect to crimes related to the
2	theft of intellectual property—
3	(1) create an operational unit of the Federal
4	Bureau of Investigation—
5	(A) to work with the Computer Crime and
6	Intellectual Property section of the Department
7	of Justice on the investigation and coordination
8	of intellectual property crimes that are complex,
9	committed in more than one judicial district, or
10	international;
11	(B) that consists of at least 10 agents of
12	the Bureau; and
13	(C) that is located at the headquarters of
14	the Bureau;
15	(2) ensure that any unit in the Department of
16	Justice responsible for investigating computer hack-
17	ing or intellectual property crimes is assigned at
18	least 2 agents of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
19	tion (in addition to any agent assigned, or author-
20	ized to be assigned, to such unit as of the date of
21	the enactment of this Act) to support such unit for
22	the purpose of investigating or prosecuting intellec-
23	tual property crimes; and
24	(3) implement a comprehensive program—

1	(A) the purpose of which is to train agents
2	of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the
3	investigation and prosecution of such crimes
4	and the enforcement of laws related to intellec-
5	tual property crimes;
6	(B) that includes relevant forensic training
7	related to investigating and prosecuting intellec-
8	tual property crimes; and
9	(C) that requires such agents who inves-
10	tigate or prosecute intellectual property crimes
11	to attend the program annually.
12	(b) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ENFORCEMENT
13	COORDINATORS.—Not later than 120 days after the date
14	of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
15	assign one Federal prosecutor to the appropriate office of
16	the Department of Justice located in Hong Kong and one
17	Federal prosecutor to such an office located in Budapest,
18	Hungary, to assist in the coordination of the enforcement
19	of intellectual property laws between the United States
20	and foreign nations.
21	(c) Organized Crime Task Force.—Not later
22	than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
23	the Attorney General, through the United States Attor-
24	neys' Offices, the Computer Crime and Intellectual Prop-
25	erty section, and the Organized Crime and Racketeering

section of the Department of Justice, and in consultation
 with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other Fed eral law enforcement agencies, shall create a Task Force
 to develop and implement a comprehensive, long-range
 plan to investigate and prosecute international organized
 crime syndicates engaging in or supporting crimes relating
 to the theft of intellectual property.

8 (d) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be ap9 propriated to carry out this section \$12,000,000 for each
10 of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.