

Comment on section 1201(a)(1)
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17 USC Section 1201(a)(1)
Circumvention of copyright protection systems

(a) Violations Regarding Circumvention of Technological Measures.
- (1) (A) No person shall circumvent a technological measure that effectively controls access to a work protected under this title.

Note: I am commenting as a concerned private citizen and not as representative of any corporate entity.

While I understand the intent of the paragraph is to protect the ownership of intellectual property, in a strict reading this prohibits data recovery by successors or potentially data recovery in any form.

Accordingly may I suggest that an exclusion be granted under this section to the owner, assignee, or any entity having a legitimate right of access to the work.

Please also consider that even this may restrict the ability of a data recovery service to remain in business. As such, an exclusion for duly registered and bonded businesses, in the same manner as any locksmith, should be considered.

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