

Announcement

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COPYRIGHT LAW AMENDED

The copyright law (Title 17 of the United States Code) has been amended by the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1978, Public Law 95-94 (91 Stat. 653, 676, 682), which was signed by President Carter on August 5, 1977.

Title II of the Appropriation Act contains the following provision:

For necessary expenses of the Copyright Office, including publication of the decisions of the United States courts involving copyrights, \$7,945,500: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 of the funds credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 1978 under section 203 of Title 17, United States Code (as in effect prior to January 1, 1978), and under section 708(c) of such title (as in effect on and after January 1, 1978) shall be available for obligation during such fiscal year.

The amendments to the copyright law are contained in Section 406 of Title IV of the Appropriation Act, which is reprinted below:

SEC. 406. (a) Effective October 1, 1977, section 203 of title 17, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "All moneys deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury under this section shall be credited to the appropriation for necessary expenses of the Copyright Office."

(b) Effective January 1, 1978, the first sentence of section 708(c) of title 17, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: "All fees received under this section shall be deposited by the Register of Copyrights in the Treasury of the United States and shall be credited to the appropriation for necessary expenses of the Copyright Office."