

Announcement

from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540

RECORD PIRACY BILL ENACTED INTO LAW

Attached is a copy of Public Law 92-140, signed by President Nixon on October 15, 1971. By the terms of this law a sound recording may be subject to statutory copyright protection provided:

- (1) That the sounds constituting the sound recording as published were fixed on or after February 15, 1972;

and

- (2) That the sound recording is first published on or after February 15, 1972, with copyright notice in the form specified by this law.

The Copyright Office plans to have application forms for registration of claims to copyright in sound recordings printed and available for distribution to the public free on request by February 15, 1972.

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Pursuant to Section 2 of this enactment, additional remedies for infringement (including criminal prosecution in certain cases) apply where copyrighted musical works are unlawfully used in sound recordings. Under the terms of the law, Section 2 took effect immediately upon enactment.

Attachment