

# Copyright Law of the United States of America and Related Laws Contained in Title 17 of the United States Code

## Chapter 5

### Copyright Infringement and Remedies

#### § 506. Criminal offenses

(a) CRIMINAL INFRINGEMENT. - Any person who infringes a copyright willfully either

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(1) for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain, or

(2) by the reproduction or distribution, including by electronic means, during any 180-day period, of 1 or more copies or phonorecords of 1 or more copyrighted works, which have a total retail value of more than \$1,000,

shall be punished as provided under section 2319 of title 18, United States Code. For purposes of this subsection, evidence of reproduction or distribution of a copyrighted work, by itself, shall not be sufficient to establish willful infringement.

(b) FORFEITURE AND DESTRUCTION. - When any person is convicted of any violation of subsection (a), the court in its judgment of conviction shall, in addition to the penalty therein prescribed, order the forfeiture and destruction or other disposition of all infringing copies or phonorecords and all implements, devices, or equipment used in the manufacture of such infringing copies or phonorecords.

(c) FRAUDULENT COPYRIGHT NOTICE. - Any person who, with fraudulent intent, places on any article a notice of copyright or words of the same purport that such person knows to be false, or who, with fraudulent intent, publicly distributes or imports for public distribution any article bearing such notice or words that such person knows to be false, shall be fined not more than \$2,500.

(d) FRAUDULENT REMOVAL OF COPYRIGHT NOTICE. - Any person who, with fraudulent intent, removes or alters any notice of copyright appearing on a copy of a copyrighted work shall be fined not more than \$2,500.

(e) FALSE REPRESENTATION. - Any person who knowingly makes a false representation of a material fact in the application for copyright registration provided for by [section 409](#), or in any written statement filed in connection with the application, shall be fined not more than \$2,500.

(f) RIGHTS OF ATTRIBUTION AND INTEGRITY. - Nothing in this section applies to infringement of the rights conferred by [section 106A\(a\)](#).

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