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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Digital Theft Deter-
3 rence and Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATUTORY DAMAGES ENHANCEMENT.**

5 Section 504(c) of title 17, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “\$500” and inserting
9 “\$750”; and

10 (B) by striking “\$20,000” and inserting
11 “\$30,000”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$100,000”
13 and inserting “\$150,000”.

14 **SEC. 3. SENTENCING COMMISSION GUIDELINES.**

15 Within 120 days after the date of the enactment of
16 this Act, or within 120 days after the first date on which
17 there is a sufficient number of voting members of the Sen-
18 tencing Commission to constitute a quorum, whichever is
19 later, the Commission shall promulgate emergency guide-
20 line amendments to implement section 2(g) of the No
21 Electronic Theft (NET) Act (29 U.S.C. 994 note) in ac-
22 cordance with the procedures set forth in section 21(a)
23 of the Sentencing Act of 1987, as though the authority
24 under that Act had not expired.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply to
3 any action brought on or after the date of the enactment
4 of this Act, regardless of the date on which the alleged
5 activity that is the basis of the action occurred.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 18,
1999.

Attest:

Clerk.