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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: WD 3/25/2008

The Committee on Commerce (Diaz de la Portilla) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 540.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

540.11 Unauthorized copying of phonograph records, disk, wire, tape, film, or other article on which sounds are recorded. --

(3) (a) It is unlawful:

1. To sell or offer for sale or resale, advertise, cause the sale or resale of, rent, transport or cause to be rented or 16

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transported, or possess for any of these purposes any article with the knowledge, or with reasonable grounds to know, that the sounds thereon have been transferred without the consent of the owner.

- To sell or offer for sale or resale, advertise, cause the sale or resale of, rent, transport or cause to be rented or transported, or possess for any of these purposes any article embodying any performance, whether live before an audience or transmitted by wire or through the air by radio or television, which was recorded without the consent of the performer.
- 3. Knowingly, for commercial advantage or private financial gain to sell or resell, offer for sale or resale, advertise, cause the sale or resale of, rent, transport or cause to be rented or transported, or possess for such purposes, any phonograph record, disk, wire, tape, film, or other article on which sounds are recorded, unless the outside cover, box, or jacket clearly and conspicuously discloses the actual name and address of the manufacturer thereof, and the name of the actual performer or group.
- (b) 1. A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, by a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if the offense involves at least 1,000 unauthorized articles embodying sound or at least 65 unauthorized audiovisual articles during any 180-day period or is a second or subsequent conviction under either this subparagraph or subparagraph 2. of this subsection.
- 2. A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, by a



fine of up to \$150,000, or both if the offense involves more than 100 but less than 1,000 unauthorized articles embodying sound or more than 7 but less than 65 unauthorized audiovisual articles during any 180-day period.

- A person who otherwise violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, by a fine of up to \$25,000, or both.
- 4. The court shall order a person who violates paragraph (a) to make restitution to an owner who suffered injury resulting from the violation or to the trade association representing such owner. The amount of restitution shall be based on the aggregate average wholesale value of authorized articles that correspond with the unauthorized articles involved in the offense, unless a greater value can be proven. The order shall also include investigative costs relating to the offense.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to unauthorized copies of recordings; amending s. 540.11, F.S.; requiring a court to order a person who violates state law regarding the unauthorized sale, resale, rental, or transportation of certain articles to make restitution to the owner who suffered injury resulting from the violation or to the trade

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association representing such owner; requiring that the 72 amount of restitution be based on the aggregate average wholesale value of authorized articles that correspond with the unauthorized articles involved in the offense, including investigative costs relating to the offense; providing an effective date.