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AN ACT

71 Stat. 633.

To amend title 17 of the United States Code entitled "Copyrights" to provide for a statute of limitations with respect to civil actions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 115 of ^{Copyrights.} title 17, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows: ^{Civil actions.}

"§ 115. Limitations

"(a) CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.—No criminal proceedings shall be maintained under the provisions of this title unless the same is commenced within three years after the cause of action arose.

"(b) CIVIL ACTIONS.—No civil action shall be maintained under the provisions of this title unless the same is commenced within three years after the claim accrued."

SEC. 2. The amendments made by this Act shall take effect one year after the date of enactment of this Act and shall apply to all actions commenced on or after such effective date.

SEC. 3. The chapter analysis of chapter 2 of title 17 preceding section 101 is amended by striking out

"115. Limitation of criminal proceedings"
and inserting

"115. Limitations".

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