

17 U.S.C. 1204

Digital Millennium Copyright Act

§ 1204. Criminal Offenses and Penalties

(a) In general.--Any person who violates section 1201 or 1202 willfully and for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain--

(1) shall be fined not more than \$500,000 or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both, for the first offense; and

(2) shall be fined not more than \$1,000,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both, for any subsequent offense.

(b) Limitation for nonprofit library, archives, educational institution, or public broadcasting entity.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to a nonprofit library, archives, educational institution, or public broadcasting entity (as defined under section 118(g)).

(c) Statute of limitations.--No criminal proceeding shall be brought under this section unless such proceeding is commenced within 5 years after the cause of action arose.