

I started an earlier thread about SOPA and PIPA and had a good debate on the Topic. Below is the the MEAT of what is being called CRIMINAL in SOPA. (a) Criminal Infringement- (1) IN GENERAL- Any person who willfully infringes a copyright shall be punished as provided under section 2319 of title 18, if the infringement was committed-- (A) for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain; (B) 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, or by the public performance by means of digital transmission, during any 180-day period, of 1 or more copyrighted works, when the total retail value of the copies or phonorecords, or of the public performances, is more than \$1,000; or (C) by the distribution or public performance of a work being prepared for commercial dissemination, by making it available on a

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