
Subject: Re: Calling All Canadians!

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nikki6ixx wrote on Sun, 22 June 2008 17:27: It's been on the news lately, about a new piece of legislation that will place severe restrictions on us, and how we listen to music, and watch videos. I was hoping for copyright legislation that was smart, and thought out; instead I see a bill that is severely flawed.

This doesn't just affect people who are filesharing, but people like me, who buy our music, and videos fair and square.

I have a massive music library, and apparently, because I am ripping CD's with 'Digital Locks' I can be fined \$500 bucks a pop. I thought I had BOUGHT the music. I also record TV shows using a DVR, but under this impending legislation, I could be in big trouble for doing that too.

Transferring your DVD's to an iPod, PSP, or other portable device will also be an offense, that could see penalties of \$20,000! Unlocking a cellphone can meet penalties.

This law affects all Canadians in ways they may never expect, including us who THOUGHT we were being honest.

You can help possibly stop this flawed and moronic piece of legislation, by filling out this form to your local MP.

<http://www.copyrightforcanadians.ca/action/firstlook/>

It's real easy, and quick, and your message might mean the difference real, progressive, and flexible legislation, or dark days where every citizen is a criminal.

If you can, visit your MP's office and tell everyone there that this is idiocy.

Quote: I thought I had BOUGHT the music.

Nope, you just bought the rights to own a copy of the music. If you owned the music, you'd be getting royalties. It's not as semantic as you may think as owning the right to a copy is vastly different to owning the product itself.

I do agree with some things the bill proposes, but overall it is far too much of a reactionary bill (completely coverage of everything so that nothing sneaks through, rather than rational distinctions between would-be crimes).

"Digital Locks" on CD/DVD's: I agree with this proposal. Whatever the reason for the company to secure the phone, it is LOCKED and should be illegal to bypass established security measures. Be it breaking the locks on a house or a CD/DVD. You may own the CD, but not the music on the CD.

Transferring mediums: This is the aspect I don't agree with (so long as you are not breaking a lock to do it - and this does not include the use of programs like windows media player or itunes as it is assumed they have the rights to unlock the CD's). If it is for personal use, the medium it is stored on should not matter as the company has not lost out on any sales. However, I fully support those who transfer mediums to share with others. By this I mean either selling the original or a copy to make a profit or "giving away" a copy of the purchased item.

Giving away your own copy should be fine as it is a simple transfer of ownership that benefits one individual to the loss of another and does not affect the music industry at all. As well.
