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**Title of Bill: Music Sharing**

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1 Whereas in today's society, you can be fined by the RIAA (Recording Industry Association  
2 of America) for downloading, sharing, and uploading music that is shared over peer-to-peer  
3 networks. In one case, Jammie Thomas-Rasset, downloaded 24 songs, which are normally  
4 99 cents apiece, and she was fined by the RIAA a total of \$1.9 million; that's \$80,000 fined  
5 for each song. Artists' are making more money now than ever, and many artists support  
6 downloading their music for free.

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8 SECTION I

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10 It will be enacted in federal law, that downloading, uploading, and sharing music over peer-  
11 to-peer networks would be considered a legal practice, as long as the copy written material  
12 isn't being distributed for a profit unless by the record company and respective artist.

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14 SECTION II

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16 It will be enacted in federal law, that the RIAA may only fine an individual who makes a  
17 profit from selling an artists' intellectual property. The fine will be determined based of how  
18 much profit the individual made, not how many songs were distributed.

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22 If passed, this bill would take immediate effect.

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