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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing federal copyright law,  
9 Congress has granted copyright protection to the  
10 owner of sound recordings performed publicly by  
11 means of a digital audio transmission or other  
12 electronic broadcast on or after February 15, 1972,  
13 and has preempted any equivalent right under the  
14 common law or state statutory law.

15 Also under existing law, Congress has  
16 specified that the preemptive provisions of the  
17 copyright protections do not annul or limit any  
18 common law or state statutory law with regard to  
19 sound recordings originating before February 15,  
20 1972, and currently being electronically  
21 transmitted or broadcast.

22 This bill would provide copyright  
23 protections to the owner of sound recordings  
24 recorded or broadcast prior to February 15, 1972,  
25 and would authorize the owner to file a claim for  
26 damages for a violation.  
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