

Editorial Notes**CODIFICATION**

“Section 151703 of title 36” substituted in subsec. (c)(2) for “section 203”, meaning section 203 of the National Film Preservation Act of 1996, on authority of Pub. L. 105–225, §5(b), Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1499, the first section of which enacted Title 36, Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations.

§ 179p. National Film Registry Collection of Library of Congress**(a) Acquisition of archival quality copies**

The Librarian shall endeavor to obtain, by gift from the owner, an archival quality copy of the Registry version of each film included in the National Film Registry. Whenever possible, the Librarian shall endeavor to obtain the best surviving materials, including preprint materials. Copyright owners and others possessing copies of such materials are strongly encouraged, to further the preservation purposes of this Act, to provide preprint and other archival elements to the Library of Congress.

(b) Additional materials

The Librarian shall endeavor to obtain, for educational and research purposes, additional materials related to each film included in the National Film Registry, such as background materials, production reports, shooting scripts (including continuity scripts) and other similar materials.

(c) Property of United States

All copies of films on the National Film Registry that are received as gifts or bequests by the Librarian and other materials received by the Librarian under subsection (b), shall become the property of the United States Government, subject to the provisions of title 17.

(d) National Film Registry Collection

All copies of films on the National Film Registry that are received by the Librarian under subsection (a) of this section, and other materials received by the Librarian under subsection (b), shall be maintained in the Library of Congress and be known as the “National Film Registry Collection of the Library of Congress”. The Librarian shall, by regulation, and in accordance with title 17, provide for reasonable access to the films and other materials in such collection for scholarly and research purposes.

(e) National Audio-Visual Conservation Center

The Librarian shall utilize the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center of the Library of Congress at Culpeper, Virginia, to ensure that preserved films included in the National Film Registry are stored in a proper manner, and disseminated to researchers, scholars, and the public as may be appropriate in accordance with—

(1) title 17; and

(2) the terms of any agreements between the Librarian and persons who hold copyrights to such audiovisual works.

(Pub. L. 104–285, title I, §106, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3380; Pub. L. 109–9, title III, §302(c), Apr. 27, 2005, 119 Stat. 225.)

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This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 104–285, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3377, which enacted this section and sections 179i to 179o and 179q to 179w of this title and sections 5701 to 5708 of former Title 36, Patriotic Societies and Observances, repealed sections 179 to 179k of this title, enacted provisions set out as a note under section 179i of this title, and repealed provisions set out as a note under section 179 of this title. Sections 5701 to 5708 of former Title 36 were repealed and reenacted as chapter 1517 (§151701 et seq.) of Title 36, Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations, by Pub. L. 105–225, §5(b), Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1499, the first section of which enacted Title 36. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109–9 added subsec. (e).

§ 179q. Seal of National Film Registry**(a) Use of seal****(1) Prohibition on distribution and exhibition**

No person shall knowingly distribute or exhibit to the public a version of a film or any copy in any format of a film which bears the seal described in section 179m(a)(3) of this title if such film—

(A) is not included in the National Film Registry; or

(B) is included in the National Film Registry, but such film or film copy has not been approved for use of the seal by the Librarian pursuant to section 179m(a)(1)(D) of this title.

(2) Prohibition on promotion

No person shall knowingly use the seal described in section 179m(a)(3) of this title to promote any version of a film in any format other than a Registry version.

(b) Effective date of seal

The use of the seal described in section 179m(a)(3) of this title shall be effective for each film after the Librarian publishes in the Federal Register, in accordance with section 179m(a)(2) of this title, the name of that film as selected for inclusion in the National Film Registry.

(Pub. L. 104–285, title I, §107, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3381; Pub. L. 109–9, title III, §302(d), Apr. 27, 2005, 119 Stat. 225.)

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2005—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 109–9, §302(d)(1), inserted “in any format” after “or any copy” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 109–9, §302(d)(2), substituted “in any format” for “or film copy”.

§ 179r. Remedies**(a) Jurisdiction**

The several district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction, for cause shown, to prevent and restrain violations of section 179q(a) of this title.

(b) Relief**(1) Removal of seal**

Except as provided in paragraph (2), relief for violation of section 179q(a) of this title

shall be limited to the removal of the seal of the National Film Registry from the film involved in the violation.

(2) Fine and injunctive relief

In the case of a pattern or practice of the willful violation of section 179q(a) of this title, the United States district courts may order a civil fine of not more than \$10,000 and appropriate injunctive relief.

(Pub. L. 104-285, title I, §108, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3381.)

§ 179s. Limitations of remedies

The remedies provided in section 179r of this title shall be the exclusive remedies under sections 179l to 179w of this title, or any other Federal or State law, regarding the use of the seal described in section 179m(a)(3) of this title.

(Pub. L. 104-285, title I, §109, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3381.)

§ 179t. Staff of Board; experts and consultants

(a) Staff

The Librarian may appoint and fix the pay of such personnel as the Librarian considers appropriate to carry out sections 179l to 179w of this title.

(b) Experts and consultants

The Librarian may, in carrying out sections 179l to 179w of this title, procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum rate of basic pay payable for GS-15 of the General Schedule. In no case may a member of the Board or an alternate be paid as an expert or consultant under this section.

(Pub. L. 104-285, title I, §110, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3381.)

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The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 179u. Definitions

As used in sections 179l to 179w of this title—

(1) the term “Librarian” means the Librarian of Congress;

(2) the term “Board” means the National Film Preservation Board;

(3) the term “film” means a “motion picture” as defined in section 101 of title 17, except that such term does not include any work not originally fixed on film stock, such as a work fixed on videotape or laser disk;

(4) the term “publication” means “publication” as defined in section 101 of title 17; and

(5) the term “Registry version” means, with respect to a film, the version of a film first published, or as complete a version as bona fide preservation and restoration activities by the Librarian, an archivist other than the Librarian, or the copyright owner can compile in those cases where the original material has been irretrievably lost.

(Pub. L. 104-285, title I, §111, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3382.)

§ 179v. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Librarian for the first fiscal year beginning on or after October 11, 1996, and each succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2026 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 179l to 179w of this title, but in no fiscal year shall such sum exceed \$250,000.

(Pub. L. 104-285, title I, §112, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3382; Pub. L. 110-336, §3(a)(1)(A), Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3727; Pub. L. 114-217, §3(a), July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 840.)

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2016—Pub. L. 114-217 substituted “through fiscal year 2026” for “through fiscal year 2016”.

2008—Pub. L. 110-336 inserted “for the first fiscal year beginning on or after October 11, 1996, and each succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2016” after “the Librarian”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-336, §3(a)(1)(C), Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3727, provided that: “The amendments made by this paragraph [amending this section and section 179w of this title] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the National Film Preservation Act of 1996 [Pub. L. 104-285, title I].”

§ 179w. Effective date

The provisions of sections 179l to 179w of this title shall apply to any copy of any film, including those copies of films selected for inclusion in the National Film Registry under the National Film Preservation Act of 1988 and the National Film Preservation Act of 1992, except that any film so selected under either Act shall be deemed to have been selected for the National Film Registry under sections 179l to 179w of this title.

(Pub. L. 104-285, title I, §113, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3382; Pub. L. 109-9, title III, §302(e), Apr. 27, 2005, 119 Stat. 226; Pub. L. 110-336, §3(a)(1)(B), Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3727.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Film Preservation Act of 1988, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 100-446, title I, §§1-13, Sept. 27, 1988, 102 Stat. 1782-1788, which was classified to sections 178 to 178l of this title and was repealed by Pub. L. 102-307, title II, §214, June 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 272.

The National Film Preservation Act of 1992, referred to in text, is title II of Pub. L. 102-307, June 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 267, which was classified principally to sections 179 to 179k of this title and was repealed by Pub. L. 104-285, title I, §114, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3382.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-336 struck out the first sentence which read as follows: “The provisions of sections 179l to 179w of this title shall be effective for 13 years beginning on October 11, 1996.”

2005—Pub. L. 109-9 substituted “13 years” for “7 years”.