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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION. 1. TREATMENT OF PRE-1978 PUBLICATION OF**
4 **SOUND RECORDINGS.**

5 Section 303 of title 17, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “Copyright” and inserting “(a)
8 Copyright”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) The distribution before January 1, 1978, of a
3 phonorecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publi-
4 cation of the musical work embodied therein.”.

5 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 The amendment made by section 1 takes effect on
7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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