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H. R. 7228

To amend title 17, United States Code, to expand the copyright protection provided to architectural works to golf courses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bolstering Intellectual
5 Rights against Digital Infringement Enhancement Act” or
6 the “BIRDIE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF COPYRIGHT PROTECTION PRO-**
2 **VIDED TO ARCHITECTURAL WORKS TO GOLF**
3 **COURSES.**

4 (a) DESIGN OF GOLF COURSES.—Section 101 of title
5 17, United States Code, is amended in the matter related
6 to the definition of “architectural work”—

7 (1) by striking “drawings.” and inserting
8 “drawings, and the design of a course on which golf
9 is played (except for any course on which mini golf,
10 or other similar game, is played) as embodied in any
11 tangible medium of expression, including an archi-
12 tectural plan or drawing”; and

13 (2) by striking “features.” and inserting “fea-
14 tures. In the case of a course on which golf is
15 played, the work also includes any of the following
16 that is part of the course:

17 “(1) Landscaping.

18 “(2) An irrigation system.

19 “(3) A path.

20 “(4) A golf green.

21 “(5) A tee.

22 “(6) A facility in which golf is practiced.

23 “(7) A bunker.

24 “(8) A lake.

25 “(9) A topographic feature.”.

1 (b) APPLICATION.—This Act, and the amendments
2 made by this Act, shall apply to—

3 (1) a work created on or after December 1,
4 1990; and

5 (2) a work that was unconstructed and em-
6 bodied in unpublished plans or drawings on Decem-
7 ber 1, 1990.

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