

Public Law 112–190  
112th Congress

An Act

Oct. 5, 2012  
[H.R. 6215]

To amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. REMEDIES FOR DILUTION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 43(c)(6) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, to carry out the provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes”, approved July 5, 1946 (commonly referred to as the “Trademark Act of 1946”; 15 U.S.C. 1125(c)(6)), is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

“(A) is brought by another person under the common law or a statute of a State; and

“(B)(i) seeks to prevent dilution by blurring or dilution by tarnishment; or

“(ii) asserts any claim of actual or likely damage or harm to the distinctiveness or reputation of a mark, label, or form of advertisement.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any action commenced on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Applicability.  
15 USC 1125  
note.

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