

To Whom it May Concern,

Jailbreaking Exemptions

Exemption 5- Phones and Tablets: "Computer programs that enable wireless telephone handsets ('smartphones') and tablets to execute lawfully obtained software applications, where circumvention is undertaken for the purpose of enabling interoperability of such applications with computer programs on the handset or tablet."

I am writing on behalf of tinkerers everywhere! Jailbreaking software is not and should not be illegal. Jailbreaking allows for skins that most manufacturers don't allow. I can make my iPhone look like a Mac OSX desktop if I would like, or I can go with cool personal made icons. Jailbreaking just allows the users of these phones and devices to do more with the device than what they intended. This is like overclocking PCs. We understand that if we take it upon ourselves to go outside the device's typical use, and we break it, it is our own fault! Overclocking is the same as jailbreaking and I don't see overclocking CPUs being such an issue. I have even some cell phone manufacturers allowing their kernels to be unlocked at the conscience choice of the user. The only reason why companies like Apple are lobbying against jailbreaking, is because they have lost their tinkering spirit! Steve Jobs himself started this trend in the 70's and 80's when he wanted the Macintosh not to have any opening points. He thinks users should not be able to access the inside of their devices. This is just plain wrong. I am not going into the company headquarters and stealing code, I am just simply allowing the phone that I own, to do more! I cannot understand what the big deal is. Please do not make jailbreaking illegal, for all hobbyists and tinkerers everywhere!!!

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