

I am writing to request that the DCMA exemption SHOULD be renewed keeping it legal for users to jailbreak/root their devices. The recent statistics for the latest iPhone 4S jailbreak show that jailbreaking is not only popular, but expanding and one of the main reasons for this is due to the fact that iPhone jailbreaks written specifically to ensure they do not violate any copyright laws. Many iPhone users choose to jailbreak their phones to install Cydia, the jailbreak app store, many developers even earn a living using this. It should be up to the user to do what they want with their product since it is for their own personal use. Furthermore it should be noted that many of the new features brought in iOS updates are taken from jailbreak apps, for example, Peter Hajas, the developer who originally brought improved notifications to the iPhone on an application called Mobile Notifier. Several months later, Apple, impressed by the app, hired Peter Hajas on an internship, and several months later, brought Mobile Notifier notifications in iOS 5.

Furthermore, many users choose to buy products like these knowing that they are allowed to jailbreak/root them, if the act of this was made illegal, there was almost certainly be a reduction in sales.

I hope you consider renewing the laws,

Kind Regards,

Thomas