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In reference to: Ninth Triennial Section 1201 Proceeding, 2024 Cycle; https://www.copyright.gov/1201/2024/

A renewal petition was not filed for the current exemption permitting circumvention of video games in the form of computer programs for the purpose of allowing an individual with a physical disability to use alternative software or hardware input methods. See 37 CFR 201.40(b)(21). The Office therefore will not recommend this exemption to the Librarian for renewal.

I do not know how many people are actually using this but please allow people to bypass copyright for this purpose so that they may play their purchased games as they please. There may be games or other forms of content that are much easier to play when you can bypass the copyright protection and just use it in the way that suits your purposes. Imagine a scenario where a game blocks or did not come with the feature for someone to use a controller that was made for their disability. If you buy a game, do you not own it? Why would we as a society not allow someone, disability or not, to modify their software to suit their needs. Please renew this and extend it if possible.

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