

**549.2 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “*Copyright owner*” means the owner of a copyright of a nondramatic musical work recognized and enforceable under the copyright laws of the United States under 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq.

2. “*Performing rights society*” means an association or corporation, including an agent or employee of the association or corporation, that licenses the public performance of a nondramatic musical work on behalf of a copyright owner, including the American society of composers, authors and publishers (ASCAP), broadcast music, inc. (BMI), and the society of European stage authors and composers, inc. (SESAC).

3. “*Proprietor*” means the owner of a retail establishment, restaurant, inn, bar, tavern, or any other similar place of business located in this state in which the public may assemble and in which nondramatic musical works may be performed, broadcast, or otherwise transmitted.

4. “*Royalty*” or “*royalties*” means the license fee or fees payable by a proprietor to a performing rights society for the public performance of a nondramatic musical work.

[96 Acts, ch 1155, §2](#)