MUSIC MATTERS TO YOUR CUSTOMERS
SAVE UP TO 20% OFF YOUR BMI LICENSE FEES!

5% just for being an association member*

5% for members who license and pay via phone or online

10% BMI timely payment discount for paying in full within 30 days

*Available to members licensed as Eating & Drinking Establishments

(800) 925-8451
business@bmi.com
bmi.com/ede
A BMI license provides businesses with the legal authorization needed to use a very powerful product: music. This product is the music creator’s property, so a licensing agreement protects your business or organization from the penalties involved in copyright infringement. This service also saves music users the immense time and expense of contacting each songwriter, composer, or publisher for permission to play their music publicly, and your payment ensures the continued creation of music – for you and your business.

WHAT SERVICE DOES BMI PROVIDE TO MY BUSINESS?

The cost of a BMI music license starts at a little more than a dollar per day and goes up from there, depending on the type of music being played (recorded, live, DJ, karaoke, etc.), how often music is performed, and the occupancy, which a local fire marshal most commonly determines.

HOW MUCH IS A BMI LICENSE AND ARE LICENSE FEES DETERMINED?

Your licensing fee goes to BMI’s affiliated songwriters, composers and music publishers in the form of royalties. Your payment supports the continued creation of music, which enhances the overall experience for your customers.

WHERE DOES MONEY GO AFTER I PAY MY LICENSE FEE?

The term “original music” generally means musical works written by the performing musicians. With over 20 million musical works in BMI’s repertoire, it is very likely that BMI represents at least some of the original music that you’re using. BMI fosters the development of up-and-coming songwriters, many of whom perform in businesses like yours, by ensuring that they are paid when their music is played publicly. Many times, these performers are asked to play songs written by someone else, typically known as cover songs, and those types of performances also require permission from the copyright owner.

IF MUSICIANS, DJS AND ENTERTAINERS ARE PERFORMING, ARE THEY RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING THE NECESSARY MUSIC LICENSES FOR THEIR PUBLIC PERFORMANCES?

For more information visit bmi.com/licensing