

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7259

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## AN ACT

To allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents  
for Humanity Program to be transferable.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Patents for Humanity  
3 Program Improvement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRANSFERABILITY OF ACCELERATION CERTIFI-**  
5 **CATES.**

6       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—A holder of an acceleration certifi-  
7 cate issued pursuant to the Patents for Humanity Pro-  
8 gram (established in the notice entitled “Humanitarian  
9 Awards Pilot Program”, published at 77 Fed. Reg. 6544  
10 (February 8, 2012)), or any successor thereto, of the  
11 United States Patent and Trademark Office, may transfer  
12 (including by sale) the entitlement to such acceleration  
13 certificate to another person.

14       (b) **REQUIREMENT.**—An acceleration certificate  
15 transferred under subsection (a) shall be subject to any  
16 other applicable limitations under the notice entitled “Hu-  
17 manitarian Awards Pilot Program”, published at 77 Fed.  
18 Reg. 6544 (February 8, 2012), or any successor thereto.

Passed the House of Representatives June 25, 2020.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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