

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 927

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2017

Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Patents for Humanity  
5 Program Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFERABILITY OF ACCELERATION CERTIFI-**  
7 **CATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—A holder of an acceleration certifi-  
9 cate issued pursuant to the Patents for Humanity Pro-  
10 gram (established in the notice entitled “Humanitarian

1 Awards Pilot Program”, published at 77 Fed. Reg. 6544  
2 (February 8, 2012)), or any successor thereto, of the  
3 United States Patent and Trademark Office, may transfer  
4 (including by sale) the entitlement to such acceleration  
5 certificate to another person.

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

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