

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5108

AN ACT

To establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

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. USPTO LAW SCHOOL CLINIC CERTIFICATION**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Law School Clinic Cer-
4 tification Program of the United States Patent and Trade-
5 mark Office, as implemented by the Office, is established
6 as a program entitled the “Law School Clinic Certification
7 Program”. The Program shall allow students enrolled in
8 a participating law school’s clinic to practice patent and
9 trademark law before the Office by drafting, filing, and
10 prosecuting patent or trademark applications, or both, on
11 a pro-bono basis for clients that qualify for assistance
12 from the law school’s clinic. The Director shall establish
13 regulations and procedures for application to and partici-
14 pation in the Program. All law schools accredited by the
15 American Bar Association are eligible for participation in
16 the Program, and shall be examined for acceptance using
17 identical criteria established by the Director. The Program
18 shall be in effect for the 10-year period beginning on the
19 date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (b) REPORT ON THE PROGRAM.—The Director shall,
21 not later than the last day of the 2-year period beginning
22 on the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the
23 Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
24 tives and the Senate a report on the Program, describing
25 the number of law schools and law students participating
26 in the Program, the work done through the Program, the

1 benefits of the Program, and any recommendations of the
2 Director for modifications to the Program.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) OFFICE.—The term “Office” means the
5 United States Patent and Trademark Office.

6 (2) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
7 the Law School Clinic Certification Program estab-
8 lished in subsection (a).

9 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
10 the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual
11 Property and Director of the United States Patent
12 and Trademark Office.

Passed the House of Representatives September 15,
2014.

Attest:

Clerk.

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