

## **Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act**

[Public Law 116–316]

[This law has not been amended]

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

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### **SECTION 1. [35 U.S.C. 131 note] SHORT TITLE.**

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

### **SEC. 2. TRANSFERABILITY OF ACCELERATION CERTIFICATES.**

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

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