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118th Congress

An Act

To amend title 35, United States Code, to provide a good faith exception to the imposition of fines for false assertions and certifications, and for other purposes.

Dec. 17, 2024
[S. 3960]

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

SECTION 1. GOOD FAITH EXCEPTION TO THE IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN FINES.

Patents and trademarks.

Title 35, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 41(j), by inserting ", unless the entity shows that the assertion was made in good faith," before "be subject"; and

(2) in section 123(f), by inserting ", unless the entity shows that the certification was made in good faith," before "be subject".

Approved December 17, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 3960:

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June 20, considered and passed Senate.
Dec. 3, considered and passed House.