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H. R. 401

To modify the application of the antitrust laws to encourage the licensing
and other use of certain intellectual property.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE (for himself, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. BONO, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To modify the application of the antitrust laws to encourage
the licensing and other use of certain intellectual property.

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 “Intellectual Property
5 Antitrust Protection Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF MARKET POWER PRESUMPTION.**

7 In any action in which the conduct of an owner, licen-
8 sor, licensee, or other holder of an intellectual property
9 right is alleged to be in violation of the antitrust laws in

1 connection with the marketing or distribution of a product
2 or service protected by such a right, such right shall not
3 be presumed to define a market, to establish market power
4 (including economic power and product uniqueness or dis-
5 tinctiveness), or to establish monopoly power.

6 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act—

8 (1) the term “antitrust laws”—

9 (A) has the meaning given it in subsection
10 (a) of the first section of the Clayton Act (15
11 U.S.C. 12(a)), except that such term includes
12 section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act
13 (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent such section ap-
14 plies to unfair methods of competition; and

15 (B) includes any State law similar to the
16 laws referred to in subparagraph (A); and

17 (2) the term “intellectual property right”
18 means a right, title, or interest—

19 (A) in subject matter patented under title
20 35, United States Code; or

21 (B) in a work, including a mask work, pro-
22 tected under title 17, United States Code.

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