

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1402

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2016

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. TRANSFERABILITY OF ACCELERATION CERTIFI-**
5 **CATES.**

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

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

Passed the Senate May 26, 2016.

Attest:

JULE E. ADAMS,

Secretary.