

S 1785

Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Sep 28, 2005

**Current Status:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.

**Latest Action:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill. (Dec 6, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/1785>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 28, 2005
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 28, 2005
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 28, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 18, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 1, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

**Title I: Vessel Hull Design Protection** - Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2006 - (Sec. 102) Amends federal copyright law to specify that the design of both the vessel hull and deck are protected (currently, only the design of the vessel hull is protected and the definition of hull includes the deck).

(Sec. 103) Defines "deck" as the horizontal surface of the vessel that covers the hull, including exterior cabin and cockpit surfaces, and exclusive of masts, sails, yards, rigging, hardware, fixtures, and other attachments.

**Title II: Intellectual Property Provisions** - (Sec. 201) Reaffirms Congress' commitment to the policies and objectives of the Bayh-Dole Act on the 25th anniversary of its enactment.

(Sec. 202) Allows the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to accept an application for an extension of the term of a patent which claims a product, a method of using a product, or a method of manufacturing a product if: (1) such application is filed no more than five days late; and (2) the applicant files a petition showing that the delay in filing the application was unintentional. Deems such petition to be denied if no determination has been made on the petition within 30 days of filing. Establishes the fee for filing such a petition.

Applies this section to any application for patent term extension which: (1) is pending on the date of enactment; (2) is the subject of a request for reconsideration of a denial of a patent term extension; or (3) has been denied a patent term extension in a case in which the period for seeking reconsideration of such denial has not yet expired.

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## Actions Timeline

- **Dec 6, 2006:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR 12/7/2006 H8813-8818)
- **Dec 6, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1785.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 12/7/2006 H8813-8815)
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- **Dec 6, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.
- **Mar 1, 2006:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 1, 2006:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 6, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Nov 18, 2005:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S13412)
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- **Nov 18, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S13412)
- **Nov 18, 2005:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S13412)
- **Nov 18, 2005:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 18, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 18, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 28, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 28, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10600)
- **Sep 28, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10600)