

HR 2795

Patent Reform Act of 2005

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Current Status: Hearings Held on Issue by Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property. The Amend

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 15, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 3818	Related bill	Aug 3, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Patent Reform Act of 2005 - Revises conditions under which a patent may be obtained for an invention, including by: (1) providing for joint research agreements; (2) giving patent priority to the first filed patent application (currently, priority is given to the first invention); and (3) amending provisions related to patents internationally.

Gives an inventor a right to apply for and obtain a patent, subject to conditions and regulations. (Current law allows inventors to obtain a patent.)

Requires the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to: (1) impose a duty of candor and good faith on individuals associated with the filing and prosecution of an application and on individuals who are parties adverse to a patent or application for patent in contested cases before USPTO; and (2) establish a special office to investigation violations of such duty.

Revises provisions regarding treble damages for willful infringement of a patent.

Allows the Director to limit the ability of patent applicants to get the benefit of the filing date of a prior-filed application.

Expands the publication of patent applications.

Revises provisions regarding the infringement defense based on prior use of the subject matter of a patent before the effective filing dates.

Sets forth procedures and requirements for opposing a patent grant.

Allows third parties to submit relevant information for inclusion in the record of a patent application.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 15, 2005:** Hearings Held on Issue by Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property. The Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 2795.
- **Jun 9, 2005:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 8, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 8, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 8, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jun 8, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.