

## S 4040

Public Research in the Public Interest Act of 2006

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Sep 29, 2006

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1074

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10743-10745) (Sep 29, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/4040>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 30, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Public Research in the Public Interest Act of 2006 - Requires, as a condition of receiving federal assistance, any institution of higher education or research that conceives, reduces to practice, or holds title in a subject invention to grant irrevocable, perpetual, nonexclusive licenses to the invention and associated rights to any party requesting such a license pursuant to this Act. Provides that licenses shall be issued for: (1) supplying medical products to countries with low-income or lower-middle income economies; or (2) conducting neglected research anywhere, royalty-free. Provides that such licenses shall be part of the institution's title in a subject invention. Makes a license under this Act irrevocable and perpetual so long as the licensee submits to the licensor payment of a fair royalty on sales of any medical product within 90 days.

Deems a party as automatically receiving the license requested upon submitting the required information to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Sets forth procedures for objections to the grant of a requested license.

Requires the holder of title or any license in a subject invention to notify the FDA of any grant or license of rights in that invention.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 29, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10741-10743)
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S10743-10745)