

## HR 4742

To amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies.

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Feb 14, 2006

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate. (Dec 6, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/4742>

### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 1, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Dec 5, 2006)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Allows the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to waive statutory provisions governing the filing, processing, renewal, and maintenance of patents, trademark registrations, and applications for patents or registrations to the extent necessary to protect the rights and privileges of applicants and other persons affected by an emergency or a major disaster. Disallows judicial review of any decision not to exercise such waiver authority.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 6, 2006:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 5, 2006:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 5, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8685-8686)
- **Dec 5, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4742.
- **Dec 5, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8685-8686)
- **Dec 5, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8685-8686)
- **Dec 5, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-408.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 223.
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 1, 2006:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 1, 2006:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 28, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property.
- **Feb 14, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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