

## HR 1260

Patent Reform Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Current Status:** Committee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Committee Hearings Held. (Apr 30, 2009)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 30, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 515	Related bill	May 12, 2009: By Senator Leahy from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 111-18. Additional, Minority and Supplemental views filed.
111 S 610	Related bill	Mar 17, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3166-3175)

Patent Reform Act of 2009 - Amends federal patent law to rewrite provisions concerning the conditions for patentability.

Defines "effective filing date of a claimed invention" as the filing date of the patent or the application for patent containing the claim to the invention (thus establishing a first-to-file system).

Revises various other rights and requirements related to patents, including regarding: (1) damages; (2) post-grant procedures; (3) citation of prior art; and (4) *inter partes* reexaminations; (5) preissuance submissions by third parties; (6) venue and jurisdiction; and (7) the regulatory authority of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Replaces the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Revises provisions concerning the residency of federal circuit judges.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 30, 2009:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E536-537)
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.