

## HR 4287

### Independent Innovator and Repurposing Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 24, 2014

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. (Apr 16, 2014)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/4287>

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 16, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2150	Identical bill	Mar 24, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Independent Innovator and Repurposing Act - Establishes procedures under which the term of an unexpired patent claiming a method of using a biological product shall be extended for five years from its original expiration date.

Requires an application for such an extension to demonstrate that: (1) the patent was issued to an independent innovator, and (2) the owner of record is the independent innovator or a small business (with fewer than 500 employees and which is not affiliated with the holder of the marketing application approved under licensing requirements of the Public Health Service Act for the commercial marketing of such biological product) in which the independent innovator has an ownership interest.

Defines "independent innovator" as a person or entity that obtains a method of use patent for a biological product and is not, at the time of invention or patent filing, affiliated with the holder of an approved application for the commercial marketing of the product.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 16, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Mar 24, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 24, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.