

## S 712

### Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Apr 11, 2013

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2592)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2592) (Apr 11, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/712>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 11, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 11, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 11, 2013)

Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act of 2013 - Allows the holder or successor of an acceleration certificate issued pursuant to the Patents for Humanity Program (a pilot awards program established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office [USPTO] entitling awardees to accelerate certain USPTO proceedings for patented technologies addressing humanitarian needs among an impoverished population or for further research on humanitarian technologies) to transfer, including by sale, the entitlement to such certificate to another person.

### Actions Timeline

- **Apr 11, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 11, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2592)
- **Apr 11, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2592)