

## S 2514

### PACED Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 7, 2018

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 7, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2514>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 7, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 7, 2018
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 7, 2018
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 7, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 7, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Mar 7, 2018)

#### Preserving Access to Cost Effective Drugs Act or the PACED Act

This bill prohibits patent owners from asserting tribal sovereign immunity as a defense in certain proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including patent validity challenge proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). The prohibition also applies to court actions and proceedings before the International Trade Commission.

Sovereign immunity for foreign states shall apply in the PTAB as it applies in federal court.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 7, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
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