

## S 927

### Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Apr 25, 2017

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Apr 25, 2017)

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## Sponsor

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

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 25, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 25, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Apr 25, 2017)

### Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act

This bill 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

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