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PACED Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Feb 12, 2019

Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 129.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 129. (Jun 28, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/440>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 12, 2019
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Feb 12, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 28, 2019)

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. The abrogation of sovereign immunity shall not apply to states or institutions of higher education (i.e., public state universities and institutions).

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2019:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Graham with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 28, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 129.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 12, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 12, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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