

## HR 7259

### Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jun 18, 2020

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-316.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-316. (Jan 5, 2021)

**Law:** 116-316 (Enacted Jan 5, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7259>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Jun 18, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 18, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2814	Identical bill	<b>Nov 7, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill authorizes the holder of an acceleration certificate awarded under the Patents for Humanity program to transfer the certificate to another party.

(The Patents for Humanity program recognizes patent owners, applicants, and licensees that use their inventions to meet humanitarian challenges. The winners each receive a certificate that can be used to accelerate certain U.S. Patent and Trademark Office proceedings, such as a patent application.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 5, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 5, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 116-316.
- **Dec 24, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 16, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 15, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7507)
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- **Jun 30, 2020:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 488.
- **Jun 29, 2020:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Jun 25, 2020:** Mr. Johnson (GA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 25, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2503-2504)
- **Jun 25, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7259.
- **Jun 25, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2503)
- **Jun 25, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2503)
- **Jun 25, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 18, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.