

# HR 1723

IDEA Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 9, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. (May 18, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1723>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Mar 9, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 632	Identical bill	<b>Apr 29, 2021:</b> Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

## Summary (as of Mar 9, 2021)

### Inventor Diversity for Economic Advancement Act of 2021 or the IDEA Act

This bill requires the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to request demographic information from the inventor on each patent application submitted to the USPTO.

Inventors shall not be required to provide the requested information, which shall include gender, race, and military or veteran status.

The USPTO shall (1) publish an annual public report about the collected data, including the collected data broken down by the types of technology covered by the patent applications; and (2) make the underlying data publicly available.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.