

## HR 5796

Patents for Humanity Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Nov 1, 2021

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 117-245.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-245. (Dec 20, 2022)

**Law:** 117-245 (Enacted Dec 20, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5796>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Spartz, Victoria [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Nov 1, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 27, 2022
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Nov 29, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4210	Related bill	<b>May 12, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### Summary (as of Dec 20, 2022)

#### Patents for Humanity Act of 2022

This bill provides statutory authority for a program to award certificates that may be used to accelerate certain proceedings and applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). The program established under this bill shall be treated as the successor to the existing Patents for Humanity program.

Under this bill, the PTO must hold a competition at least once every two years to award certificates to eligible entities that submit a patent application that addresses a humanitarian issue.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 20, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-245.
- **Dec 16, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8771-8773; H8779-8780)
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 24 (Roll no. 511).
- **Dec 6, 2022:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396 - 24 (Roll no. 511). (text: 12/05/2022 CR H8752-8753)
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 5, 2022:** Ms. Jackson Lee moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H8752-8754)
- **Dec 5, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the Senate amendment to H.R. 5796.
- **Dec 5, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 30, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 28, 2022:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 28, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6828-6829)
- **Nov 28, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6828)
- **Nov 28, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6828)
- **Apr 28, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-302.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 223.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Mr. Jeffries moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4520-4521)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5796.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Apr 27, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4520)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.