

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 927

To allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2017

Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Patents for Humanity
5 Program Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSFERABILITY OF ACCELERATION CERTIFI-**
7 **CATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—A holder of an acceleration certifi-
9 cate issued pursuant to the Patents for Humanity Pro-
10 gram (established in the notice entitled “Humanitarian

1 Awards Pilot Program”, published at 77 Fed. Reg. 6544
2 (February 8, 2012)), or any successor thereto, of the
3 United States Patent and Trademark Office, may transfer
4 (including by sale) the entitlement to such acceleration
5 certificate to another person.

6 (b) REQUIREMENT.—An acceleration certificate
7 transferred under subsection (a) shall be subject to any
8 other applicable limitations under the notice entitled “Hu-
9 manitarian Awards Pilot Program”, published at 77 Fed.
10 Reg. 6544 (February 8, 2012), or any successor thereto.

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