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H. R. 7259

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AN ACT

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

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.

Passed the House of Representatives June 25, 2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

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