

92^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1253

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 1971

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend section 6 of title 35, United States Code, "Patents", to authorize domestic and international studies and programs relating to patents and trademarks.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 6 of title 35, United States Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 **"§ 6. Duties of Commissioner**

6 "(a) The Commissioner, under the direction of the
7 Secretary of Commerce, shall superintend or perform all
8 duties required by law respecting the granting and issuing
9 of patents and the registration of trademarks; shall have the
10 authority to carry on studies and programs regarding do-

1 mestic and international patent and trademark law; and
2 shall have charge of property belonging to the Patent Office.
3 He may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Com-
4 merce, establish regulations, not inconsistent with law, for
5 the conduct of proceedings in the Patent Office.

6 “(b) The Commissioner, under the direction of the Sec-
7 retary of Commerce, may, in coordination with the Depart-
8 ment of State, carry on programs and studies cooperatively
9 with foreign patent offices and international intergovern-
10 mental organizations, or may authorize such programs and
11 studies to be carried on, in connection with the performance
12 of duties stated in subsection (a) of this section.

13 “(c) The Commissioner, under the direction of the Sec-
14 retary of Commerce, may, with the concurrence of the Sec-
15 retary of State, transfer funds appropriated to the Patent
16 Office; not to exceed \$100,000 in any year, to the Depart-
17 ment of State for the purpose of making special payments to
18 international intergovernmental organizations for studies and
19 programs for advancing international cooperation concerning
20 patents, trademarks, and related matters. These special pay-
21 ments may be in addition to any other payments or contri-

1 butions to the international organization and shall not be
2 subject to any limitations imposed by law on the amounts of
3 such other payments or contributions by the Government of
4 the United States.”

Passed the Senate April 22, 1971.

Attest:

FRANCIS R. VALEO,

Secretary.

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