

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4608

To authorize appropriations for the Patent and Trademark Office in the Department of Commerce for fiscal year 1995, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 1994

Mr. HUGHES (for himself and Mr. MOORHEAD) introduced the following bill;
which was 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 “Patent and Trademark
5 Office Authorization Act of 1994”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO THE**
7 **PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.**

8 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Patent
9 and Trademark Office for Salaries and necessary expenses
10 the sum of \$107,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, to be de-

1 rived from deposits in the Patent and Trademark Office
2 Fee Surcharge Fund established under section 10101 of
3 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (35
4 U.S.C. note).

5 **SEC. 3. AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED TO BE CARRIED OVER.**

6 Amounts appropriated or made available pursuant to
7 this Act shall remain available until expended.

8 **SEC. 4. EMPLOYMENT LEVEL IN PATENT AND TRADEMARK**
9 **OFFICE.**

10 Section 3 of title 35, United States Code, is amended
11 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

12 “(f)(1) During the 5-year period beginning on Octo-
13 ber 1, 1994, no reductions may be made in the number
14 of full-time equivalent employees of the Patent and Trade-
15 mark Office, except to the extent that—

16 “(A) a law is enacted that requires reductions
17 in personnel or positions specifically in the Patent
18 and Trademark Office, or

19 “(B) the Commissioner determines that a re-
20 duction in the number of full-time equivalents is in
21 the best interests of the Patent and Trademark Of-
22 fice and the public.

23 “(2) During the 5-year period referred to in para-
24 graph (1), any law imposing a restriction on hiring by ex-
25 ecutive agencies, or requiring reductions in force in execu-

1 tive agencies, for the purpose of achieving reductions in
2 the Federal work force shall not apply to the Patent and
3 Trademark Office.

4 “(3) A law may not be construed as suspending or
5 modifying this subsection, except to the extent such law
6 specifically refers to or amends this subsection.”.

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