

Legislative/Governmental Affairs update

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Legislative Activity

117th Congress

- SHOP SAFE Act (H.R. 5374)
 - Amends the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for contributory liability for e-commerce platforms that sell counterfeit products that implicate health and safety if such platforms do not follow enumerated best practices
 - On September 29, the House Judiciary Committee held a mark up of the bill
 - Approved by a vote of 30-8

Legislative Activity

117th Congress

- Unleashing American Innovators Act (S. 2773)
 - Satellite Offices
 - Directs the USPTO to establish a Southeastern regional office within 3 years of enactment
 - Directs the USPTO to conduct a study within 2 years of enactment on whether additional satellite offices are necessary
 - Directs the USPTO to establish Community Outreach Centers
 - Community Outreach Centers intended to help with retention; promote patents and innovation and entrepreneurship; and educate innovators
 - Location: Cannot be located in the same state as a satellite office; close to universities; and where less than 45% of businesses are owned by women, minorities and veterans



Thank you!

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