



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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### Items for Patents with 60-day and Under Effective Dates<sup>1</sup>

1. Reexamination transition from “substantial new question of patentability to a “reasonable likelihood that the requester would prevail.”  
Effective date (page 56): Date of enactment
2. Section 10 authority of the Office to adjust fees for recovering costs for fees established, authorized, or charged under title 35:  
Effective date (page 93): Date of enactment.
3. Electronic filing incentive (\$400 fee for failure to do so):  
Effective date (page 93): Expiration of the 60 day period beginning on the date of enactment.
4. Section 11 new statutory fee amounts:  
Effective date (page 109): Date of enactment.
5. Prioritized examination and fee (Track 1):  
Effective date (page 107): The date that is 10 days after the date of enactment.
6. 15% transition surcharge fees:  
Effective date (page 108): The date that is 10 days after the date of enactment.
7. Refunds and error in payment:  
Effective date (page 109): Date of enactment.
8. Reserve fund:  
Effective date (page 138): October 1, 2011.
9. Micro entity:  
Effective date (page 93): Date of enactment.
10. Tax strategies are within the prior art:  
Effective date (page 116): Date of enactment.
11. Best Mode:  
Effective date (pages 116-7): Date of enactment.
12. Pro bono programs:  
Effective date (page 147): Date of enactment.
13. Human organism prohibition:  
Effective date (page 147): Date of enactment.
14. Patent term extension for drugs:  
Effective date (page 150): Date of enactment.
15. Marking (virtual):  
Effective date (page 119): Date of enactment.
16. Civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145:  
Effective date (page 75): Date of enactment

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<sup>1</sup> Page numbers refer to H.R. 1249, passed June 23, 2011.