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To renew and extend patents relating to certain devices that aid in the acceleration of bodily tissue healing and the reduction of pain.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To renew and extend patents relating to certain devices that aid in the acceleration of bodily tissue healing and the reduction of pain.

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. EXTENSION OF PATENT.**

4 The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Com-
5 missioner of Patents and Trademarks, shall, when the pat-
6 ent numbered 4,226,246 (relating to an apparatus for
7 maintaining the negative potential of human, animal, and
8 plant cells) expires, extend the patent, with all the rights
9 pertaining thereto, for a period of 10 years beginning on
10 the date of the patent's expiration.

1 **SEC. 2. RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF PATENTS.**

2 (a) RENEWAL AND EXTENSION.—The Secretary of
3 Commerce, acting through the Commissioner of Patents,
4 shall renew and extend each of the patents described in
5 subsection (b), with all the rights pertaining thereto, for
6 a period of 10 years beginning on the date of the patent’s
7 renewal and extension. The Secretary shall take the ac-
8 tions required by this section as soon as possible, but not
9 later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act.

11 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PATENTS.—Subsection (a) shall
12 apply to the patents bearing the following numbers:

13 (1) 3,670,737 (relating to an ultra-short wave
14 athermapeutic (non-thermal pulsed high-peak high-
15 frequency electromagnetic energy) apparatus).

16 (2) 3,566,877 (relating to an electrotherma-
17 peutic apparatus and treatment head, and method
18 for tuning the treatment head).

19 (3) 3,464,010 (relating to a power meter for an
20 athermapeutic apparatus).

21 (4) 3,181,535 (relating to an athermapeutic ap-
22 paratus).

23 (5) 3,043,310 (relating to a treatment head for
24 an athermapeutic apparatus).

25 (c) INTERVENING RIGHTS.—The renewal and exten-
26 sion of the patents described in subsection (b) shall not

1 result in infringement of any of the patents on account
2 of any use of the subject matter of the patent, or substan-
3 tial preparation for such use, that began after the patent
4 expired but before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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