

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2302

To improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7, 2004

Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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. WAIVER OF FOREIGN COUNTRY RESIDENCE RE-**
4 **QUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO INTER-**
5 **NATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.—Section 220(c) of
7 the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections
8 Act of 1994 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) (as amended by section
9 11018 of Public Law 107–273) is amended by striking
10 “2004.” and inserting “2009.”

1 (b) DESIGNATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
2 SHORTAGE AREAS BY STATE AGENCIES.—Section
3 214(l)(1)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
4 U.S.C. 1184(l)(1)(D)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “professionals,” and inserting
6 “professionals or in other shortage locations speci-
7 fied by a State department of public health (or its
8 equivalent),”; and

9 (2) by striking “in a geographic area designated
10 by the Secretary.” and inserting “in such a geo-
11 graphic area or other shortage location.”.

12 (c) EXEMPTION FROM H-1B NUMERICAL LIMITA-
13 TIONS.—Section 214(l)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Na-
14 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(l)(2)(A)) is amended by add-
15 ing at the end the following: “The numerical limitations
16 contained in subsection (g)(1)(A) shall not apply to any
17 alien whose status is changed under the preceding sen-
18 tence, if the alien obtained a waiver of the 2-year foreign
19 residence requirement upon a request by an interested
20 State agency.”.

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