

104TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2197

AN ACT

To extend the authorized period of stay within the United States for certain nurses.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZED PERIOD OF STAY**
2 **FOR CERTAIN NURSES.**

3 (a) ALIENS WHO PREVIOUSLY ENTERED THE UNIT-
4 ED STATES PURSUANT TO AN H-1A VISA.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, the authorized period of stay in the
7 United States of any nonimmigrant described in
8 paragraph (2) is hereby extended through September
9 30, 1997.

10 (2) NONIMMIGRANT DESCRIBED.—A non-
11 immigrant described in this paragraph is a non-
12 immigrant—

13 (A) who entered the United States as a
14 nonimmigrant described in section
15 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(a) of the Immigration and
16 Nationality Act;

17 (B) who was within the United States on
18 or after September 1, 1995, and who is within
19 the United States on the date of the enactment
20 of this Act; and

21 (C) whose period of authorized stay has ex-
22 pired or would expire before September 30,
23 1997 but for the provisions of this section.

24 (3) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this section may
25 be construed to extend the validity of any visa issued
26 to a nonimmigrant described in section

1 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(a) of the Immigration and Nation-
2 ality Act or to authorize the re-entry of any person
3 outside the United States on the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act.

5 (b) CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT.—A nonimmigrant
6 whose authorized period of stay is extended by operation
7 of this section shall not be eligible to change employers
8 in accordance with section 214.2(h)(2)(i)(D) of title 8,
9 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the day be-
10 fore the date of the enactment of this Act).

11 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General
13 shall issue regulations to carry out the provisions of this
14 section.

15 (d) INTERIM TREATMENT.—A nonimmigrant whose
16 authorized period of stay is extended by operation of this
17 section, and the spouse and child of such nonimmigrant,
18 shall be considered as having continued to maintain lawful
19 status as a nonimmigrant through September 30, 1997.

20 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

21 Effective on September 30, 1996, subtitle A of title
22 III of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Re-
23 sponsibility Act of 1996 is amended—

24 (1) in section 306(c)(1), by striking “to all
25 final” and all that follows through “Act and” and in-

1 serting “as provided under section 309, except
2 that”;

3 (2) in section 309(c)(1), by striking “as of” and
4 inserting “before”; and

5 (3) in section 309(c)(4), by striking “described
6 in paragraph (1)”.

Passed the Senate October 3, 1996.

Attest:

Secretary.

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