

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7961

To exempt H-1B health care workers from the restriction under the Presidential Proclamation entitled “Restriction on Entry of Certain Non-immigrant Workers”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2026

Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. SALAZAR, and Ms. CLARKE of New York) introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “H-1Bs for Physicians
5 and the Healthcare Workforce Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM ADDITIONAL FEE FOR H-1B**
2 **HEALTH CARE WORKERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The restriction imposed, pursuant
4 to the Presidential Proclamation entitled “Restriction on
5 Entry of Certain Nonimmigrant Workers” (September 19,
6 2025), on entry into the United States of aliens as non-
7 immigrants under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Im-
8 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
9 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)), except for aliens whose petitions
10 are accompanied or supplemented by a payment of
11 \$100,000, shall not apply with respect to any such alien
12 who is employed (or has received an offer of employment)
13 in the health care workforce (as such term is defined in
14 section 5101 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
15 Care Act (42 U.S.C. 294q)).

16 (b) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FEES.—No fee
17 may be imposed on an alien described in subsection (a)
18 that exceeds the fee set forth in section 214(c)(9)(B) of
19 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
20 1184(c)(9)(B)).

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