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H. R. 2809

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2001

Mr. REYES 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. ADDITIONAL H-1C VISAS FOR NURSES.**

4 Section 212(m)(4) of the Immigration and Nation-
 5 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(m)(4)) is amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 7 by striking “500.” and inserting “1,000.”; and

8 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “50” and
 9 inserting “150”.

10 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN H-1B PROGRAM RE-**
 11 **QUIREMENTS FOR LOCALLY-OWNED HOS-**
 12 **PITALS IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORT-**
 13 **AGE AREAS.**

14 (a) EXEMPTION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON
 15 GRANTS OF H-1B STATUS.—Section 214(g)(5) of the Im-
 16 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(5)) is
 17 amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at
 19 the end;

20 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
 21 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(C) a hospital owned by a unit of local govern-
 24 ment and located in a health professional shortage
 25 area (as defined in section 332 of the Public Health

1 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e)), if the alien is em-
2 ployed (or is offered employment) as a physician,
3 registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse.”.

4 (b) EXEMPTION FROM FEES.—Section 214(c)(9)(A)
5 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
6 1184(c)(9)(A)) is amended by striking “or a governmental
7 research organization)” and inserting “a governmental re-
8 search organization, or a hospital described in subsection
9 (g)(5)(C) with respect to the employment of an alien de-
10 scribed in such subsection)”.

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