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To provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of intracompany transferees, and to reduce the period of time during which certain intracompany transferees have to be continuously employed before applying for admission to the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 20 (legislative day, DECEMBER 18), 2001

Mr. HATCH 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. WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR SPOUSES OF
4 INTRACOMPANY TRANSFEREES.**

5 Section 214(c)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality
6 Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following:

1 “(E) In the case of an alien spouse admitted under
2 section 101(a)(15)(L), who is accompanying or following
3 to join a principal alien admitted under such section, the
4 Attorney General shall authorize the alien spouse to en-
5 gage in employment in the United States and provide the
6 spouse with an ‘employment authorized’ endorsement or
7 other appropriate work permit.”.

8 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF REQUIRED PERIOD OF PRIOR CON-**

9 **TINUOUS EMPLOYMENT FOR CERTAIN**
10 **INTRACOMPANY TRANSFEREES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(c)(2)(A) of the Immig-
12 ration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(2)(A)) is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:
14 “In the case of an alien seeking admission under section
15 101(a)(15)(L), the one-year period of continuous employ-
16 ment required under such section is deemed to be reduced
17 to a 6-month period if the importing employer has filed
18 a blanket petition under this subparagraph and met the
19 requirements for expedited processing of aliens covered
20 under such petition.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
22 101(a)(15)(L) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
23 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(L)) is amended by striking “an alien

- 1 who," and inserting "subject to section 214(c)(2), an alien
- 2 who,".

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