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H. R. 9079

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide nonimmigrant status to nurses working in certain facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2024

Mr. BEYER 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 “National Urgent Re-
5 cruitment for Skilled Employees Visa Act of 2024” or the
6 “NURSE Visa Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF NON-**
2 **IMMIGRANT NURSES.**

3 (a) NUMBER OF VISAS.— Section 212(m)(4) of the
4 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(m)(4))
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “500. The number of such visas
7 issued for employment in each State in each fiscal
8 year shall not exceed the following:” and inserting
9 “20,000. Such visas shall be issued to employ a non-
10 immigrant to perform nursing services in a shortage
11 area (as designated by the the Administrator of the
12 Health Resources and Services Administration).”;
13 and

14 (2) by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C).

15 (b) PROVIDER STAFFING RATIO REQUIRED.—Sec-
16 tion 212(m)(6) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
17 (8 U.S.C. 1182(m)(6)) is amended by adding at the end
18 the following:

19 “(C) The facility has in place a policy with
20 respect to a provider-to-patient staffing ratio.”.

21 (c) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than one
22 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary
24 of State shall issue regulations necessary to implement the
25 amendments made by this section.

1 (d) APPLICABILITY.—This Act, and the amendments
2 made by this Act, shall take effect on the date of the en-
3 actment of this Act and shall apply to a petition for a
4 nonimmigrant visa issued pursuant to a petition granted
5 under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(c) of the Immigration and
6 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(c)).

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