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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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)).