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# H. R. 1285

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## AN ACT

To extend for 3 years changes to requirements for admission of nonimmigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas made by the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Nursing Relief for Dis-  
3 advantaged Areas Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. 3-YEAR EXTENSION FOR CHANGES TO REQUIRE-**  
5 **MENTS FOR ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANT**  
6 **NURSES IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORT-**  
7 **AGE AREAS.**

8 Section 2 of the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged  
9 Areas Act of 1999 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended—

10 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**4-**  
11 **YEAR**” and inserting “**SPECIFIED**”; and

12 (2) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-  
13 lows:

14 “(e) **LIMITING APPLICATION OF NONIMMIGRANT**  
15 **CHANGES TO SPECIFIED PERIOD.**—The amendments  
16 made by this section shall apply to classification petitions  
17 filed for nonimmigrant status only during the period—

18 “(1) beginning on the date that interim or final  
19 regulations are first promulgated under subsection  
20 (d); and

21 “(2) ending on the date that is 3 years after  
22 the date of the enactment of the Nursing Relief for  
23 Disadvantaged Areas Reauthorization Act of 2005.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**  
2 **ACT.**

3 The requirements of chapter 5 of title 5, United  
4 States Code (commonly referred to as the “Administrative  
5 Procedure Act” ) or any other law relating to rulemaking,  
6 information collection or publication in the Federal Reg-  
7 ister, shall not apply to any action to implement the  
8 amendments made by section 2 to the extent the Secretary  
9 Homeland of Security, the Secretary of Labor, or the Sec-  
10 retary of Health and Human Services determines that  
11 compliance with any such requirement would impede the  
12 expeditious implementation of such amendments.

Passed the House of Representatives June 20, 2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*