

# S 2302

A bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)  
**Chamber:** Senate  
**Policy Area:** Immigration  
**Introduced:** Apr 7, 2004  
**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 108-441.  
**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 108-441. (Dec 3, 2004)  
**Law:** 108-441 (Enacted Dec 3, 2004)  
**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/2302>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]  
**Party:** Democratic • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 7, 2004
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 26, 2004
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 7, 2004
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		May 10, 2004
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 10, 2004
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		May 20, 2004
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 9, 2004
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 9, 2004
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 15, 2004
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 23, 2004
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 19, 2004
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 9, 2004
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Sep 9, 2004
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 30, 2004
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Oct 8, 2004

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 7, 2004

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4156	Identical bill	May 20, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

Summary (as of Dec 3, 2004)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on October 7, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

- Amends the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to reauthorize for a period of two years the Conrad State 30 program, which annually allows each State to request up to 30 waivers of the home residency requirement applicable to J-1 foreign medical graduates for medical service in health professional shortage areas.
- Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt Conrad State 30 physicians from the numerical limitation on H-1B visas.
- Limits to primary care or specialty medicine the medical practice areas available to Conrad State 30 physicians.
- Allows Conrad State 30 physicians to practice medicine outside geographic areas designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in the case of a waiver request from an interested State agency where the facility serves patients residing in such areas and granting the requested waiver would not cause the number of waivers for the State to exceed five in a fiscal year.
- Requires requests for waivers from interested Federal agencies or interested State agencies on behalf of aliens who agree to practice specialty medicine in a facility located in a geographic area designated by the Secretary to demonstrate a shortage of health care professionals able to provide services in the appropriate medical specialty.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 3, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 3, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-441.
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- **Nov 22, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 17, 2004:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 17, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9857-9862)
- **Nov 17, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2302.
- **Nov 17, 2004:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 17, 2004:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9865)
- **Nov 17, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407 - 4 (Roll no. 533).(text: CR H9857-9858)
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- **Nov 17, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Held at the desk.
- **Oct 11, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11271-11274; text: CR S11271-11272)
- **Oct 11, 2004:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11271-11274; text: CR S11271-11272)
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Hatch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- **Oct 7, 2004:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 775.
- **Apr 7, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 7, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3944)
- **Apr 7, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.