

## S 2616

### Emergency Relief for Rural Borderlands Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jul 7, 2004

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7753-

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7753-7754) (Jul 7, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/2616>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 7, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 7, 2004)

Emergency Relief for Rural Borderlands Act - States that aliens issued H-2B (temporary nonagricultural worker) nonimmigrant visas may not be counted toward the numerical limitation applicable to such visas during FY 2004 if the alien is working: (1) at a work site in a rural area not more than 50 miles from an international border; and (2) for an employer who has hired H-2B workers during not less than two fiscal years between FYs 1999 and 2003. Requires expedited visa processing for aliens who meet such requirements.

Requires these provisions to take effect as if enacted on September 30, 2003.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 7, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 7, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7753)
- **Jul 7, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7753-7754)