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HR 248

Rural and Urban Health Care Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration Introduced: Jan 6, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims. (Mar 2, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 6, 2005)

Rural and Urban Health Care Act of 2005 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise admission requirements for H-1C nonimmigrant nurses by, among other things: (1) allowing aliens who received a nursing education in Canada to claim licensure equivalency; (2) requiring aliens who twice fail to pass a State licensure examination to depart the United States; (3) substantially increasing the total number of available H-1C visas; and (4) increasing the type of qualifying employer-facilities.

Increases the number of annual two-year foreign residency requirement waivers available to interested State agencies for aliens receiving graduate medical education or training in the United States.

Actions Timeline	
 Mar 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims. Jan 6, 2005: Introduced in House Jan 6, 2005: Introduced in House Jan 6, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 	
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