

## HR 5924

### Emergency Nursing Supply Relief Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		May 14, 2008
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Rep. Keller, Ric [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jun 12, 2008
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Jul 8, 2008
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	R · FL		Jul 8, 2008
Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Jul 8, 2008
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Jul 10, 2008
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 10, 2008
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jul 10, 2008
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Jul 24, 2008
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Bilbray, Brian P. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Sep 9, 2008
Rep. Porter, Jon C. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Sep 15, 2008
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Sep 18, 2008

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 30, 2008
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 31, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 29, 2008)

Emergency Nursing Supply Relief Act - Amends the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-first Century Act of 2000 to lift the numerical limitations for employment based immigrants (and accompanying family members) for nurses and physical therapists until September 30, 2011, subject to a cap.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to impose a fee upon each petitioning employer who uses such a visa to provide employment for an alien as a professional nurse.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Service (HHS), acting through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to award a grant each fiscal year to each eligible nursing school that applies and meets specified requirements to increase the number of nursing faculty and students at the school.

Establishes in the Treasury's general fund a Domestic Nursing Enhancement Account.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to: (1) direct the Secretary to allow an eligible alien (and spouse or child) to reside in a candidate country (defined to include a lower middle income country or one experiencing a natural disaster) during the period the alien is working there as a health care worker; and (2) make inadmissible an alien seeking entry into the United States to perform labor as a health care worker unless the alien attests that he or she does not have an outstanding obligation to the alien's government or country of residence, subject to a waiver.

Directs the Secretary of Labor to establish a partnership program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out comprehensive programs to provide education to nurses and create a pipeline to nursing for incumbent ancillary health care workers who wish to advance their careers.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jul 31, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 7 - 2 .
- **Jun 3, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 29, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.