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Conrad State 30 Improvement Act

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**Policy Area:** Immigration
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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** ND • **Chamber:** Senate

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## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Dec 12, 2011 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Dec 12, 2011)

Conrad State 30 Improvement Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to make the J-1 visa waiver (Conrad state 30/medical services in underserved areas) program permanent.

Includes in the priority worker preference allocation for employment-based immigrants alien physicians who have completed service requirements of a state waiver or exemption, plus an additional two years at the waiver-identified location or in a health care shortage area (including alien physicians who completed such service prior to enactment of this Act).

Exempts H-1B nonimmigrant aliens seeking to enter the United States to pursue graduate medical education or training from specified entry limitations (including permitting extension of the six-year authorized period of admission under specified circumstances).

Increases the number of alien physicians that a state may be allocated from 30 to 35 per fiscal year under specified circumstances.

Permits an alien physician, after fulfilling a three-year service period with a health care employer, to apply for employment with a new health care employer in a health care shortage area.

## Actions Timeline

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