

## S 1189

### Conrad State 30 and Physician Access Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 5, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1272	Related bill	Mar 31, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

## **Conrad State 30 and Physician Access 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.

Excludes from numerical immigration limitations alien physicians who have completed national interest waiver requirements by working in a health care shortage area (including alien physicians who completed such service before the date of enactment of this Act and any spouses or children of such alien physicians).

Sets forth specified employment protections and contract requirements for alien physicians working in underserved areas, including a six-month status extension for a physician whose application has been denied by an oversubscribed state who then agrees to work in an undersubscribed state.

Increases the number of alien physicians that a state may be allocated from 30 to 35 per fiscal year under specified circumstances. Provides for additional increases or decreases based upon demand.

Provides up to three visa waivers per fiscal year per state for physicians in academic medical centers.

Permits dual intent for an alien coming to the United States to receive graduate medical education or training, or to take examinations required for graduate medical education or training.

Exempts H-1B nonimmigrant aliens seeking to enter the United States to pursue graduate medical education or training from specified entry limitations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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