

HR 2709

Professional's Access To Health Workforce Integration Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 12, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5475	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

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Directs the Department of Health and Human Services, acting through the Bureau of Health Workforce within the Health Resources and Services Administration, the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, or the Office of Minority Health (HHS), to award grants to eligible entities to:

- provide services to assist unemployed and underemployed skilled immigrants residing in the United States, who have legal, permanent work authorization and who are internationally educated health professionals, in entering into and advancing in the American health workforce with employment matching their health professional skills, education, and expertise;
- provide training opportunities to reduce barriers to entry and advancement in the health workforce for skilled, internationally educated immigrants;
- educate employers regarding the abilities and capacities of internationally educated health professionals;
- assist in the evaluation of foreign credentials; and
- facilitate access to contextualized and accelerated courses on English as a second language.

Includes as an eligible entity a clinical, public health, or health services organization, a community-based or nonprofit entity, an academic institution, a faith-based organization, a state, county, or local government, or an Area Health Education Center that submits an application that meets HHS requirements.

Defines "health professional" as an individual trained for employment or intended employment in specified fields, including public health, health management, dentistry, health administration, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, psychology, social work, psychiatry, and other mental and behavioral health, allied health, and community health or wellness work.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 12, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4010-4011)
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.