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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to extend the period of authorized stay for certain alien health care workers during the COVID–19 emergency period, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2020

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. McGOVERN, and Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Health Care Workforce
5 Protection Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZED STAY FOR CERTAIN**
2 **ALIEN HEALTH CARE WORKERS DURING**
3 **COVID-19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity shall extend the period of authorized stay for a cov-
6 ered alien healthcare worker until a date that is not earlier
7 than the date that is 60 days after the end of the emer-
8 gency period described in subparagraph (B) of section
9 1135(g)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–
10 5(g)(1)).

11 (b) COVERED ALIEN HEALTHCARE WORKER.—The
12 term “covered alien healthcare worker” means an alien—

13 (1) who was admitted to the United States
14 under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) to perform serv-
15 ices as a health care worker;

16 (2) who was serving in such capacity in the
17 United States for any period of time during the
18 emergency period described in subsection (a); and

19 (3) whose employment or work contract de-
20 scribed in paragraph (2) was terminated during such
21 period, except in the case that such employment or
22 contract was terminated for cause.

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