

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7441

To provide for the exemption from numerical limitation of certain employment-based immigrants for purposes of filling a labor shortage, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 7, 2022

Ms. BOURDEAUX (for herself and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for the exemption from numerical limitation of certain employment-based immigrants for purposes of filling a labor shortage, and for other purposes.

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 “Acute Labor Shortage
5 Solutions Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. LABOR SHORTAGE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 90 days
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security, after consultation with the Secretary

1 of Labor, and upon the determination that the needs of
 2 American businesses in any sector referred to in sub-
 3 section (b) is experiencing an acute labor shortage that
 4 cannot be satisfied in fiscal year 2022 with United States
 5 workers, may exempt aliens, in blocs of not more than 250
 6 aliens, from the numerical limitations under sections
 7 201(d), 202(a) (if such alien is classified under section
 8 203(b)(3)), and 203(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nation-
 9 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d), 1152(a), and 1153(b)(3)).
 10 Any petition subject to such exemption shall be approved
 11 not later than 180 days after the effective date of this
 12 Act.

13 (b) SECTORS IDENTIFIED.—An industrial sector
 14 identified in this section is a classified under any of the
 15 following North American Industrial Classification System
 16 codes:

- 17 (1) 311811.
- 18 (2) 311812.
- 19 (3) 311813.
- 20 (4) 311821.
- 21 (5) 311824.
- 22 (6) 311830.
- 23 (7) 311911.
- 24 (8) 311919.
- 25 (9) 311920.

1	(10) 311930.
2	(11) 311941.
3	(12) 311942.
4	(13) 311991.
5	(14) 311999.
6	(15) 312111.
7	(16) 312112.
8	(17) 312113.
9	(18) 321211.
10	(19) 321212.
11	(20) 321213.
12	(21) 321214.
13	(22) 321219.
14	(23) 321911.
15	(24) 321912.
16	(25) 321918.
17	(26) 321920.
18	(27) 321991.
19	(28) 321992.
20	(29) 321999.
21	(30) 484110.
22	(31) 484121.
23	(32) 484122.
24	(33) 722310.
25	(34) 722320.

1 (35) 722330.

2 (36) 722410.

3 (37) 722511.

4 (38) 722513.

5 (39) 722514.

6 (40) 722515.

7 (41) 811111.

8 (42) 811112.

9 (43) 811113.

10 (44) 811118.

11 (45) 811121.

12 (46) 811122.

13 (47) 811191.

14 (48) 811192.

15 (49) 811198.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall remain in ef-
17 fect only for fiscal years 2022 through 2024, except that
18 the Secretary of Homeland Security may extend such date
19 by an additional 1 fiscal year is if the Secretary of Labor
20 makes a determination that labor shortages in the U.S.
21 warrant such an extension.

○