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To revise certain requirements for H-2B employers and require submission of information regarding H-2B nonimmigrants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Summer Operations
5 and Seasonal Equity Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON H-2B WORKERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(g) of the Immigra-
8 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting “of which
10 not less than 12,000 shall be made available in each

1 quarter of each fiscal year” before the period at the
2 end; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(9) An alien counted toward the numerical limita-
5 tions of paragraph (1)(B) within the 3 years prior to the
6 approval of a petition for a temporary worker described
7 in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of this title shall not be
8 counted again toward such limitations.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment in sub-
10 section (a) shall take effect as if enacted on October 1,
11 2004, and shall expire on October 1, 2007.

12 **SEC. 3. SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF INFORMATION RE-**
13 **GARDING H-2B NONIMMIGRANTS.**

14 Section 416 of the American Competitiveness and
15 Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (title IV of division
16 C of Public Law 105–277; 8 U.S.C. 1184 note) is amend-
17 ed—

18 (1) by striking “Attorney General” each place
19 that term appears and inserting “Secretary of
20 Homeland Security”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(d) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—

23 “(1) QUARTERLY NOTIFICATION.—Beginning
24 not later than December 1, 2006, the Secretary of
25 Homeland Security shall notify, on a quarterly basis,

1 the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of
2 Representatives and the Senate of the number of
3 aliens who during the preceding 3-month period—

4 “(A) were issued visas or otherwise pro-
5 vided nonimmigrant status under section
6 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and
7 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
8 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)); or

9 “(B) had such a visa or such status expire
10 or be revoked or otherwise terminated.

11 “(2) ANNUAL SUBMISSION.—Beginning with
12 fiscal year 2007, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
13 rity shall submit on an annual basis, to the Commit-
14 tees on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
15 tives and the Senate—

16 “(A) information on the countries of ori-
17 gin, occupations of, and compensation paid to
18 aliens who were issued visas or otherwise pro-
19 vided nonimmigrant status under section
20 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and
21 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
22 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)) during the previous fis-
23 cal year;

24 “(B) the number of aliens who had such a
25 visa or such status expire or be revoked or oth-

1 erwise terminated during each month of such
2 fiscal year; and

3 “(C) the number of aliens who were pro-
4 vided nonimmigrant status under such section
5 during both such fiscal year and the preceding
6 fiscal year.”.

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