

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 614

To amend the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005 to provide for the inclusion of certain workers in the exemption from numerical limitations on H-2B workers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN 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 “Commercial Fishing
5 and Seafood Business Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN WORKERS IN EXEMPTION**
2 **FROM NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON H-2B**
3 **WORKERS.**

4 Section 14006 of the Department of Defense Appro-
5 priations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 “SEC. 14006. The numerical limitation contained in
8 section 214(g)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality
9 Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(1)(B)) shall not apply to any non-
10 immigrant alien issued a visa or otherwise provided status
11 under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
12 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)) who is employed (or has received
13 an offer of employment)—

14 “(1) on a commercial fishing vessel or shrimp
15 trawler; or

16 “(2) in the processing of—

17 “(A) fish or fishery products; or

18 “(B) baitfish.

19 Terms used in this section have the meanings given such
20 terms in section 123.3 of title 21, Code of Federal Regula-
21 tions.”.

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