

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

H. R. 6275 Health Equity and Justice Act of 2006 Introduced by Representative Christensen (D-VI)

This bill seeks to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare, including language access and health literacy. It also aims to increase diversity in the health workforce by creating a program of excellence in health professions education for underrepresented minorities, health profession schools serving the Latino community, a student loan fund for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and diversity training. Finally, the bill creates accountability mechanisms including reports on workforce diversity and environmental justice accountability.

H. R. 6294 End Birth Citizenship to Illegal Aliens Act of 2006

Introduced by Representative Marchant (R-TX)

This bill seeks to provide children born in the United States with the same citizenship and immigration status as their mothers.

H. R. 6190 Immigration Relief and Protection Act of 2006 Introduced by Representative Owens (D-NY)

This bill intends to reduce the number of innocent victims of immigration fraud by making certain immigration consultant practice criminal offenses. Specifically, it makes it illegal to extract money from non-U.S. citizens, give false promises, provide misleading statements, or make baseless guarantees. Because victims of immigration fraud are usually afraid to report fraud to Government officials due to fear of deportation, this bill prohibits the use of information disclosed for the purposes of enforcing the act to remove the victim from the United States or impose sanctions.

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