

## H-2B Relief for “Returning Workers” Enacted

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### **Announcement:**

On October 17, 2006 President Bush signed the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007. Section 1074 of the bill includes a one-year extension of the returning worker exemption to the H-2B visa cap. The bill provides for the extension to take effect retroactively to October 1, 2006.

### **Exemption from Cap:**

The Act exempts from the annual H-2B cap (currently 66,000) any foreign national who has been counted toward the H-2B cap in one of the prior 3 fiscal years. These workers will be referred to as “returning workers.”

To find out how this provision can help your business secure seasonal workers through the H-2B visa, please call our office at 1-800-437-7313.