

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 5671, with An Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5671

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish seasonal influenza vaccines to certain individuals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Mr. TAKANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
2 **FAIRS TO FURNISH SEASONAL INFLUENZA**
3 **VACCINES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS NOT EN-**
4 **ROLLED IN PATIENT ENROLLMENT SYSTEM**
5 **OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 Section 2 of the SAVE LIVES Act (Public Law 117–
7 4; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “a vaccine for COVID–19” each
9 place it appears and inserting “a vaccine for
10 COVID–19, a seasonal influenza vaccine, or both”;

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
13 by inserting “and seasonal influenza vaccines”
14 after “vaccines for COVID–19”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, sea-
16 sonal influenza vaccines, or both” after “vac-
17 cines for COVID–19”;

18 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “VACCINE AL-
19 LOCATION” in the heading and inserting “COVID–
20 19 VACCINE ALLOCATION”;

21 (4) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
22 section (f);

23 (5) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
24 lowing new subsection (e):

1 “(e) LIMITATION ON FURNISHING SEASONAL INFLU-
2 ENZA VACCINE.—A seasonal influenza vaccine may not be
3 furnished under this section after April 29, 2022.”;

4 (6) in subsection (f), as so redesignated—

5 (A) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
6 paragraph (7); and

7 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(6) SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE.—The
10 term ‘seasonal influenza vaccine’ means any product
11 that is—

12 “(A) approved by the Food and Drug Ad-
13 ministration;

14 “(B) commercially available; and

15 “(C) recommended by the Centers for Dis-
16 ease Control and Prevention for the prevention
17 of influenza in a particular season.”; and

18 (7) in the section heading by striking “**VAC-**
19 **CINE**” and inserting “**AND INFLUENZA VAC-**
20 **CINES**”.