

Committee Print

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2022)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3655

To amend the Public Health Service Act to make updates to the Vaccine
Injury Compensation Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021

Mr. DOGGETT (for himself and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Vaccine Injury Com-
5 pensation Modernization Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGES TO VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISH MINIMUM NUMBER OF SPECIAL MAS-
4 TERS.—Section 2112(c)(1) of the Public Health Service
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa–12(c)(1)) is amended by striking
6 “not more than 8” and inserting “not less than 10”.

7 (b) ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Sec-
8 tion 2112(c)(6)(E) of the Public Health Service Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300aa–12(c)(6)(E)) is amended—

10 (1) by inserting after “disposition of petitions,”
11 the following: “the number of petitions filed that are
12 pending disposition, the number of hearings sched-
13 uled with respect to a pending disposition,”; and

14 (2) by inserting “, including recommendations
15 on whether additional special masters are needed to
16 ensure an expeditious and fair resolution of petitions
17 or otherwise improve the Program” after “in the
18 Program”.