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H. R. 5671

[Report No. 117-]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2021

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

NOVEMBER --, 2021

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 21, 2021]

A BILL

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

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

8 *Section 2 of the SAVE LIVES Act (Public Law 117-*
9 *4; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—*

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

13 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

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

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

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

23 *(4) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection*
24 *(f);*

1 (5) by inserting after subsection (d) the following
2 new subsection (e):

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

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

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

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
10 lowing new paragraph:

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

14 “(A) approved by the Food and Drug Ad-
15 ministration;

16 “(B) commercially available; and

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

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