H. R. 6282

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 2021

Mr. Perry (for himself and Mr. Gohmert) 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 "COVID-19 Vaccine
- 5 Accountability Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. LIABILITY OF COVID-19 VACCINE MANUFACTURERS.
- 7 (a) Covered Countermeasure.—Section 319F—
- 8 3(i)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-
- 9 6d(i)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

- 1 "Such term does not include vaccines for 2 COVID-19 that are required (directly or as a 3 condition of employment, schooling, or other-4 wise) under Federal, State, or local law to be administered to individuals eligible to receive 6 such a vaccine.". 7 (b) Covered Person.—Section 319F-3(i)(2) of the 8 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6d(i)(2)) is 9 amended by adding at the end the following:
- "Such term does not include a manufacturer of a vaccine described in the matter following subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1).".
- 13 (c) LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.—Section 319F-3 of 14 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d) is 15 amended by adding at the end the following:
- "(j) Limitation on Liability.—Pursuant to, and consistent with, the sovereign immunity reservation specified in subsection (f), the liability of the United States for a death or injury caused by the administration of a vaccine for COVID-19 occurring on or after January 1, 2020 shall not exceed \$10,000.".