

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5671

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2021

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

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## 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. 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—

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

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

11 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “VACCINE AL-  
12 LOCATION” in the heading and inserting “COVID–  
13 19 VACCINE ALLOCATION”;

14 (4) in subsection (e)—

15 (A) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
16 paragraph (7); and

17 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
18 following new paragraph:

19 “(6) SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE.—The  
20 term ‘seasonal influenza vaccine’ means any product  
21 that is—

22 “(A) approved by the Food and Drug Ad-  
23 ministration;

24 “(B) commercially available; and

1                   “(C) recommended by the Centers for Dis-  
2                   ease Control and Prevention for the prevention  
3                   of influenza in a particular season.”; and  
4                   (5) in the section heading by striking “**VAC-**  
5                   **CINE**” and inserting “**AND INFLUENZA VAC-**  
6                   **CINES**”.

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