

## S 1654

Vaccine Access Improvement Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Taxation

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 23, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 23, 2019
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		May 23, 2019
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		May 23, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 23, 2019
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		May 23, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 2, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1973	Identical bill	<b>Mar 28, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## **Vaccine Access Improvement Act of 2019**

This bill modifies the excise tax on certain vaccines to (1) automatically impose the tax on vaccines that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) adds to the Vaccine Injury Table, and (2) require HHS to notify the Department of the Treasury and Congress when new vaccines are added to the table. (The excise tax funds the National Vaccine Injury Program, which compensates people who have been injured by vaccines listed on the table.)

## **Actions Timeline**

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