

## HR 1973

Vaccine Access Improvement Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Mar 28, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Mar 28, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1973>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 28, 2019
Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Dec 12, 2019
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 4, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 28, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Taxation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1654	Identical bill	May 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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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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