

HR 3655

Vaccine Injury Compensation Modernization Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

Latest Action: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote. (Sep 21, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jun 1, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Nov 16, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Feb 3, 2022
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 3, 2022
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 30, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 14, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Vaccine Injury Compensation Modernization Act of 2021

This bill increases the compensation available under the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program for vaccine-related deaths and injuries and otherwise modifies the program. This program provides compensation through a no-fault alternative to litigation for injuries and deaths caused by certain vaccines.

Specifically, the bill increases the compensation for a vaccine-related death and the maximum compensation for pain, suffering, and emotional distress from a vaccine-related injury from \$250,000 to \$600,000. It annually adjusts these amounts based on a consumer price index.

In addition, the bill extends from 36 months to five years the period of time after the onset of symptoms of a vaccine injury during which an individual may file a claim for compensation.

Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must update the Vaccine Injury Table, which lists and explains injuries and conditions that are presumed to be caused by vaccines, within six months of recommending a vaccine for routine administration to children, adults, or pregnant women. Current law requires the CDC to update the table within two years of recommending a vaccine for routine administration to children.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 21, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 14, 2022:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.