

HR 5671

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

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Oct 21, 2021

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Nov 16, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 5, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to furnish a seasonal influenza vaccine through April 29, 2022, to covered individuals during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Under the bill, covered individuals are

- veterans who are not eligible to enroll in the VA health care system;
- specified veterans who are eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care abroad;
- beneficiaries who are eligible for care due to a specified disability or death of a veteran;
- family caregivers of veterans who are participating in the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers;
- caregivers of veterans participating in the VA's Program of General Caregiver Support Services;
- caregivers of veterans participating in the VA's Medical Foster Home Program, Bowel and Bladder Program, Home Based Primary Care Program, or Veteran Directed Care Program; and
- the spouses of veterans.

The VA must prioritize the vaccination of (1) veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system, (2) veterans who fail to enroll but receive hospital care and medical services for specified disabilities in their first 12 months of separation from service, and (3) caregivers accompanying such prioritized veterans.

Under the bill, the VA is authorized to determine the timing for offering a vaccine to the spouse of a veteran.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Nov 15, 2021:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 15, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6257)
- **Nov 15, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5671.
- **Nov 15, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6257)
- **Nov 15, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6257)
- **Nov 15, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 4, 2021:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Nov 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.