

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To ensure access to COVID–19 vaccines.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2296

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by
_____ to the amendment (No. 3748)
proposed by Mr. WICKER

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 1067. ACCESS TO COVID–19 VACCINES.**

4 Notwithstanding any rules, recommendations, or
5 other statements issued by the Department of Health and
6 Human Services or any other provision of law, no indi-
7 vidual who requests a COVID–19 vaccine shall be denied
8 such vaccine by a health care provider who is certified to
9 administer vaccines pursuant to Federal and State licen-
10 sure laws and who provides services in a health care set-

1 ting that offers such vaccine, nor shall any such individual
2 be required to meet any criteria to receive such vaccine,
3 except that a health care provider may deny an individual
4 such a vaccine if the provider determines it not to be medi-
5 cally advisable for the individual to receive the vaccine.
6 No Federal department, agency, or office, State, or health
7 insurance issuer may deny full coverage for the COVID–
8 19 vaccine with respect to an individual enrolled in a Fed-
9 eral health care program (as defined in section 1128B(f)
10 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7b(f))), a
11 State health care program (as defined in section 1128(h)
12 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7(h))), the health insurance
13 program under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code,
14 or a group health plan or group or individual health insur-
15 ance coverage (as such terms are defined in section 2791
16 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91)).