

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 78

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the development of a single vaccine to provide lifelong immunization against common childhood diseases.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. HOAGLAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Children’s Vaccine  
5 Initiative Amendments Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) immunizations are effective in preventing  
9 illness in and death of children;

1           (2) for many parents and children, the number  
2 of visits to a health care provider to be immunized  
3 to the degree recommended is an impediment to re-  
4 ceiving adequate protection;

5           (3) to protect children against eight common  
6 childhood diseases, medical professionals recommend  
7 a battery of immunizations before age six;

8           (4) the development of a single-dose, easy-to-ad-  
9 minister combined vaccine (known as the  
10 “supervaccine”) is scientifically promising; and

11           (5) the Federal Government, in cooperation  
12 with worldwide health organizations, should acceler-  
13 ate research to develop such a vaccine.

14 **SEC. 3. CHILDREN’S VACCINE INITIATIVE.**

15           Part A of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
16 (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
17 the following new section:

18                   “CHILDREN’S VACCINE INITIATIVE

19           “SEC. 404. (a) The Director of NIH, acting through  
20 the Directors of the appropriate national research insti-  
21 tutes, shall carry out activities to develop a single-dose,  
22 multiple-antigen compound vaccine that can be easily ad-  
23 ministered to children under age six and provide lifelong  
24 immunization against common childhood diseases.

25           “(b) The goal of activities under subsection (a) shall  
26 be to develop and make available vaccines that require

1 fewer contacts to deliver, that can be given early in life,  
2 that provide long lasting protection, that obviate refrigera-  
3 tion, needles and syringes, and that protect against a larg-  
4 er number of diseases.

5 “(c) In carrying out this section, the Director of NIH  
6 shall consult with the World Health Organization, the  
7 United Nations Children’s Fund, and the United States  
8 Agency for International Development.

9 “(d) For the purpose of carrying out this section,  
10 there are authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for  
11 fiscal year 1994, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1995,  
12 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, and \$30,000,000 for fis-  
13 cal year 1997.”.

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