

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 223

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reimburse qualified health care providers for the costs of purchasing, leasing, installing, and operating qualified equipment for cold storage of COVID–19 vaccines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2021

Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself and Mr. SIRES) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “COVID–19 Cold Stor-
5 age Expansion Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR**
2 **EQUIPMENT FOR COLD STORAGE OF COVID-**
3 **19 VACCINES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services shall reimburse qualified health care pro-
6 viders for the costs of purchasing, leasing, installing, and
7 operating qualified equipment for cold storage of COVID-
8 19 vaccines.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10 (1) The term “COVID–19 vaccine” means a
11 vaccine to prevent or mitigate the virus that causes
12 COVID–19.

13 (2) The term “qualified equipment” means
14 equipment that meets such criteria as the Food and
15 Drug Administration may specify for cold storage of
16 a COVID–19 vaccine.

17 (3) The term “qualified health care provider”
18 means a health care provider that—

19 (A) is licensed or credentialed in the juris-
20 diction where vaccination takes place; and

21 (B) completes and signs the CDC COVID–
22 19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement.

23 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
24 out this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated such
25 sums as may be necessary, to be derived from amounts
26 made available to the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Se-
2 curity Act (Public Law 116–136) and allocated for Oper-
3 ation Warp Speed.

