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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Flu Vaccine Incentive
3 Act of 2004” or the “FLU-VIA”.

4 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF PRICE CAP FOR THE PURCHASE**
5 **OF INFLUENZA VACCINES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—

7 (1) VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.—Sec-
8 tion 1928(d)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1396s(d)(3)) is amended—

10 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
11 “With” and inserting “Except as provided in
12 subparagraph (D), with”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
14 subparagraph:

15 “(D) NONAPPLICATION TO INFLUENZA
16 VACCINES.—With respect to contracts entered
17 into for the purchase of a pediatric vaccine that
18 is an influenza vaccine, and to the maximum
19 extent practicable, with respect to any other
20 contracts entered into by the Secretary for the
21 purchase of an influenza vaccine, the price for
22 the purchase of such vaccine shall be estab-
23 lished without regard to subparagraph (B).”.

24 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
25 by paragraph (1) shall apply to contracts entered
26 into on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 (b) APPLICATION TO PURCHASES FOR OTHER FED-
 2 ERAL PROGRAMS.—Section 1928(d)(3)(D) of the Social
 3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396s(d)(3)(D)), as amended by
 4 subsection (a), shall apply with respect to the purchase
 5 of an influenza vaccine by any Federal agency and in lieu
 6 of the price that would otherwise apply to such a purchase
 7 under the schedule for the purchase of drugs by the Vet-
 8 erans Administration under section 8126 of title 38,
 9 United States Code, under agreements negotiated by the
 10 Secretary of Health and Human Services under section
 11 340B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256b),
 12 or otherwise.

13 **SEC. 3. INCENTIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF INFLU-**
 14 **ENZA VACCINE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.**

15 (a) INFLUENZA VACCINE MANUFACTURING FACILI-
 16 TIES INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT.—

17 (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—Section 46 of the
 18 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to amount
 19 of investment credit) is amended by striking “and”
 20 at the end of paragraph (1), by striking the period
 21 at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting “, and”,
 22 and by adding at the end the following new para-
 23 graph:

24 “(3) the influenza vaccine manufacturing facili-
 25 ties investment credit.”.

1 (2) AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—Section 48 of such
 2 Code is amended by adding at the end the following
 3 new subsection:

4 “(c) INFLUENZA VACCINE MANUFACTURING FACILI-
 5 TIES INVESTMENT CREDIT.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 46,
 7 the influenza vaccine manufacturing facilities invest-
 8 ment credit for any taxable year is an amount equal
 9 to 20 percent of the qualified investment for such
 10 taxable year.

11 “(2) QUALIFIED INVESTMENT.—For purposes
 12 of paragraph (1), the qualified investment for any
 13 taxable year is the basis of each influenza vaccine
 14 manufacturing facilities property placed in service by
 15 the taxpayer during such taxable year.

16 “(3) INFLUENZA VACCINE MANUFACTURING FA-
 17 CILITIES PROPERTY.—For purposes of this sub-
 18 section, the term ‘influenza vaccine manufacturing
 19 facilities property’ means real and tangible personal
 20 property—

21 “(A)(i) the original use of which com-
 22 mences with the taxpayer, or

23 “(ii) which is acquired through purchase
 24 (as defined by section 179(d)(2)),

1 “(B) which is depreciable under section
2 167,

3 “(C) which is used for the manufacture,
4 distribution, or research and development of in-
5 fluenza vaccines, and

6 “(D) which is in compliance with any
7 standards and regulations which are promul-
8 gated by the Food and Drug Administration,
9 the Occupational Safety and Health Adminis-
10 tration, or the Environmental Protection Agen-
11 cy and which are applicable to such property.

12 “(4) CERTAIN PROGRESS EXPENDITURE RULES
13 MADE APPLICABLE.—Rules similar to rules of sub-
14 sections (c)(4) and (d) of section 46 (as in effect on
15 the day before the date of the enactment of the Rev-
16 enue Reconciliation Act of 1990) shall apply for pur-
17 poses of this subsection.

18 “(5) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall not
19 apply to any property placed in service after Decem-
20 ber 31, 2014.”.

21 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

22 (1) Subparagraph (C) of section 49(a)(1) of the
23 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
24 ing “and” at the end of clause (ii), by striking the
25 period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting “,

1 and”, and by adding at the end the following new
2 clause:

3 “(iv) the basis of any influenza vac-
4 cine manufacturing facilities property.”.

5 (2) Subparagraph (E) of section 50(a)(2) of
6 such Code is amended by inserting “or 48(c)(4)” be-
7 fore the period.

8 (3)(A) The section heading for section 48 of
9 such Code is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 48. OTHER CREDITS.”.**

11 (B) The table of sections for subpart E of part
12 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is
13 amended by striking the item relating to section 48
14 and inserting the following:

 “Sec. 48. Other credits.”.

15 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to property placed in service after
17 December 31, 2004, under rules similar to the rules of
18 section 48(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as
19 in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the
20 Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990).

1 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE IMPOR-**
2 **TANCE OF DEVELOPING NEW TECHNOLOGIES**
3 **FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INFLUENZA VAC-**
4 **CINES.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following
6 findings:

7 (1) 30 years ago, more than a dozen companies
8 produced the influenza vaccine in the United States.
9 As of 2004, only 2 companies make the vaccine for
10 the United States.

11 (2) Currently, the influenza vaccine is grown in
12 eggs through a process that takes approximately 6
13 months and consumes tens of thousands of eggs.

14 (3) Companies are developing new technologies
15 for the faster and safer production of the influenza
16 vaccine. For example, one manufacturer is testing a
17 process that relies on cell lines from silk moths, a
18 technique that promises to shave the production
19 time by at least a month and reduce the costs sig-
20 nificantly.

21 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
22 Senate that it is prudent to allocate a greater percentage
23 of the amounts appropriated to the National Institutes of
24 Health for research to the development of new tech-
25 nologies for the production of influenza vaccines.

