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**Bill Summary**

**H.R. 4991: The Vaccine Shortage Preparedness Act of 2008**

**Rep. Henry A. Waxman**

**Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform**

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**Section 1:** The Vaccine Shortage Preparedness Act of 2008.

**Section 2:** This section clarifies that the Secretary has the authority to sell vaccines stockpiled under the authority of the Vaccines for Children Program in case of shortage.

**Section 3:** This section requires that any vaccine manufacturer planning on exiting a vaccine market give the Secretary 12 months notice of discontinuance.

**Section 4:** This section amends section 317 of the Public Health Services Act to give the Secretary the authority to require manufacturers and distributors to provide HHS with information about the location of vaccine doses in times of shortage of the particular vaccine. This information will be made available to state health authorities on a confidential basis.