

# Obama Expected to Sign House-Passed Zika Bill, Despite Calling the Measure “Insufficient”

## Details of House Bill on Zika Treatments:

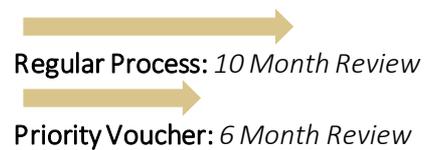
*House bill passed by voice vote; Obama administration continues to ask for more Zika research funding*

### House Zika Bill Does Not Include Funding

- Members of the House approved a bill providing financial incentives to companies developing Zika treatments, however the bill does not include any funding.

### Zika Added to List of Diseases Eligible for Priority Review Voucher Program

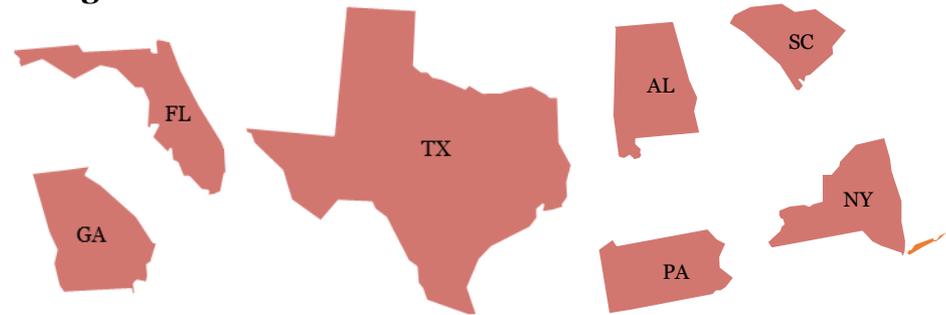
- The legislation adds Zika to the list of the tropical viruses included in the FDA’s **priority review voucher program**, which gives drug makers a voucher to fast track the FDA review of a product, in exchange for developing a treatment for a disease considered a priority of the government
- These vouchers can be sold, the **value of which can be in the hundreds of millions of dollars**



## The Risk of Zika in the US:

- There are currently **700 Zika cases** in the US, approximately half of which are in Puerto Rico.
- Researchers at the NCAR and NASA modeled the potential spread of Zika, and determined that **by June almost 50 US cities will have the potential for Zika transmission.**

### Mid & High Risk States



Sources: "Potential Zika Virus Risk Estimated for 50 US Cities" NCAR UCAR Atmos News, March 16, 2016; Julie Davis, "Zika Fight Requires More Money, Congress is Told," The New York Times, April 11, 2016; Scott Hensley, "Gilead Buys Shortcut for FDA Drug Review for \$125 Million", NPR, November 19, 2014; Reuters, "Obama Expected to Sign Bill on Zika Drug Development: White House", New York Times, April 12, 2016; Reuters, "Congress Sends Obama Bill on Zika Drug Development," New York Times, April 12, 2016.