

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 9087
OFFERED BY MR. MCCAUL OF TEXAS**

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . POLICY REGARDING TIBETAN BUDDHIST SUC-**
2 **CESSION.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The People’s Republic of China’s State Re-
5 ligious Affairs Bureau Order No. 5, implemented in
6 2007, created a formalized process for the Chinese
7 state to interfere with and override traditional Ti-
8 betan Buddhist methods for selecting religious lead-
9 ers, including the selection of the next Dalai Lama.

10 (2) In March 2026, the National People’s Con-
11 gress of the People’s Republic of China enacted the
12 Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress, es-
13 tablishing nationwide statutory mandates that
14 prioritize state-directed cultural integration, restrict
15 minority-language education, and centralize state
16 control over regional religious institutions and prac-
17 tices.

18 (3) The formal declarations of the 14th Dalai
19 Lama, including long-standing institutional guidance

1 and subsequent clarifications, explicitly affirm that
2 authority over the determination of his succession
3 rests uniquely with established religious structures
4 and internal traditional governance.

5 (4) Statutory clarity is required to ensure that
6 United States policy remains accurately aligned with
7 contemporary challenges to the religious freedom
8 and institutional autonomy of the Tibetan Buddhist
9 community.

10 (b) AMENDMENTS TO STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Sec-
11 tion 342(b) of division FF of the Consolidated Appropria-
12 tions Act, 2021 (22 U.S.C. 6901 note) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “that should
14 be”;

15 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “should play
16 a key role in” and inserting “established internal
17 governing authorities, and instructions of the Office
18 of the Dalai Lama govern”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “would rep-
20 resent a clear abuse” and inserting “constitutes a
21 violation”.

