

**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) In March 2026, the National People’s Con-
5 gress of the People’s Republic of China enacted the
6 Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress, es-
7 tablishing nationwide statutory mandates that
8 prioritize state-directed cultural integration, restrict
9 minority-language education, and centralize state
10 control over regional religious institutions and prac-
11 tices.

12 (2) The formal declarations of the 14th Dalai
13 Lama, including long-standing institutional guidance
14 and subsequent clarifications, explicitly affirm that
15 authority over the determination of his succession
16 rests uniquely with established religious structures
17 and internal traditional governance.

18 (3) Statutory clarity is required to ensure that
19 United States policy remains accurately aligned with

1 contemporary challenges to the religious freedom
2 and institutional autonomy of the Tibetan Buddhist
3 community.

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

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “that should
8 be”;

9 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “should play
10 a key role in” and inserting “established internal
11 governing authorities, and instructions of the Office
12 of the Dalai Lama govern”; and

13 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “would rep-
14 resent a clear abuse” and inserting “constitutes a
15 violation”.

