

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2646  
OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end the following new title:

1           **TITLE IX—GUN VIOLENCE**  
2                           **RESEARCH**

3 **SEC. 901. REAFFIRMING RESEARCH AUTHORITY OF THE**  
4                           **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PRE-**  
5                           **VENTION.**

6           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 391 of the Public Health  
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b) is amended—

8                   (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “research  
9 relating to the causes, mechanisms, prevention, diag-  
10 nosis, treatment of injuries, and rehabilitation from  
11 injuries;” and inserting “research, including data  
12 collection, relating to—

13                           “(A) the causes, mechanisms, prevention,  
14 diagnosis, and treatment of injuries, including  
15 with respect to gun violence; and

16                           “(B) rehabilitation from such injuries;”;  
17 and

18                   (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
19 section:

1       “(c) NO ADVOCACY OR PROMOTION OF GUN CON-  
2 TROL.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to—

3               “(1) authorize the Secretary to give assistance,  
4       make grants, or enter into cooperative agreements or  
5       contracts for the purpose of advocating or promoting  
6       gun control; or

7               “(2) permit a recipient of any assistance, grant,  
8       cooperative agreement, or contract under this section  
9       to use such assistance, grant, agreement, or contract  
10      for the purpose of advocating or promoting gun con-  
11      trol.”.

12      (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
13 394A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b-  
14 3) is amended by striking “authorized to be appropriated”  
15 and all that follows through the end and inserting the fol-  
16 lowing: “authorized to be appropriated such sums as may  
17 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.”.

18 **SEC. 902. NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM.**

19       The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting  
20 through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control  
21 and Prevention, shall improve, particularly through the in-  
22 clusion of additional States, the National Violent Death  
23 Reporting System, as authorized by title III of the Public  
24 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.). Participation  
25 in the system by the States shall be voluntary.

1 **SEC. 903. PROTECTING CONFIDENTIAL DOCTOR-PATIENT**  
2 **RELATIONSHIP.**

3 Section 2717(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 300gg-17(c)) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following new paragraph:

6 “(6) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Notwith-  
7 standing the previous provisions of this subsection,  
8 none of the authorities provided to the Secretary  
9 under this subsection, the Patient Protection and  
10 Affordable Care Act, or an amendment made by  
11 such Act shall be construed to prohibit a physician  
12 or other health care provider from—

13 “(A) asking a patient about the ownership,  
14 possession, use, or storage of a firearm or am-  
15 munition in the home of such patient;

16 “(B) speaking to a patient about gun safe-  
17 ty; or

18 “(C) reporting to the authorities a pa-  
19 tient’s threat of violence.”.

