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:

TITLE IX—GUN VIOLENCE RESEARCH

SEC. 901. REAFFIRMING RESEARCH AUTHORITY OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(a) In general.—Section 391 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “research relating to the causes, mechanisms, prevention, diagnosis, treatment of injuries, and rehabilitation from injuries;” and inserting “research, including data collection, relating to—

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

“(B) rehabilitation from such injuries;”;

and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) No Advocacy or Promotion of Gun Control.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to—

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

“(2) permit a recipient of any assistance, grant, cooperative agreement, or contract under this section to use such assistance, grant, agreement, or contract for the purpose of advocating or promoting gun control.”.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section 394A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b–3) is amended by striking “authorized to be appropriated” and all that follows through the end and inserting the following: “authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021.”.

SEC. 902. NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall improve, particularly through the inclusion of additional States, the National Violent Death Reporting System, as authorized by title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.). Participation in the system by the States shall be voluntary.
SEC. 903. PROTECTING CONFIDENTIAL DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP.

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

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

“(A) asking a patient about the ownership, possession, use, or storage of a firearm or ammunition in the home of such patient;

“(B) speaking to a patient about gun safety; or

“(C) reporting to the authorities a patient’s threat of violence.”.