

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-31**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CARTER OF GEORGIA**

At the end of division C of the Rules Committee Print, add the following new title:

1 **TITLE V—PAUSING ENHANCED**  
2 **PANDEMIC PATHOGEN RE-**  
3 **SEARCH**

4 **SEC. 20501. NO CONDUCT OR SUPPORT BY NIH OF GAIN-OF-**  
5 **FUNCTION RESEARCH.**

6 Part A of title IV of the Public Health Service Act  
7 (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following:

9 **“SEC. 404O. GAIN-OF-FUNCTION RESEARCH.**

10 “(a) PROHIBITION.—During the period ending on  
11 September 30, 2026, the National Institutes of Health  
12 shall not conduct or support, directly or indirectly, includ-  
13 ing through subgrants, any gain-of-function research that  
14 may be reasonably anticipated to confer attributes to any  
15 influenza virus or coronavirus (including any coronavirus  
16 that is associated with severe acute respiratory syndrome)  
17 such that the virus would have enhanced pathogenicity or  
18 transmissibility in mammals via the respiratory route.

1       “(b) LIMITATION.—This section does not apply to  
2 characterization or testing of any naturally occurring in-  
3 fluenza virus or coronavirus, unless the characterization  
4 or testing is anticipated to increase pathogenicity or trans-  
5 missibility.”.

