

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4641, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO**

Page 6, after line 25, insert the following (and re-designate the subsequent subsections accordingly):

1 (e) CONSIDERATION OF STUDY RESULTS.—In re-
2 viewing, modifying, and updating, best practices for pain
3 management and prescribing pain medication, the task
4 force shall take into consideration the results of the stud-
5 ies under section 2.

At the end of the bill, add the following:

6 **SEC. 2. NIH AND CDC STUDIES AND REPORTS ON MEDICAL**
7 **APPLICATION OF MARIJUANA FOR PAIN MAN-**
8 **AGEMENT.**

9 (a) NIH.—The Director of the National Institutes of
10 Health shall—

11 (1) beginning not later than January 1, 2017,
12 conduct or support a study on the medical applica-
13 tion of marijuana and opioids for pain management,
14 including—

15 (A) a comparison of—

1 (i) the medical application of mari-
2 juana and opioids for pain management;
3 and

4 (ii) the degree to which marijuana
5 and opioids are addictive; and

6 (B) an assessment of the overdose deaths
7 in States with and without medical marijuana
8 laws;

9 (2) complete such study in an expedited man-
10 ner; and

11 (3) submit a report to the Director of the Cen-
12 ters for Disease Control and Prevention on the re-
13 sults of such study.

14 (b) CDC.—Using the information in the report sub-
15 mitted under subsection (a) and in other relevant studies
16 completed on the medical application of marijuana and
17 opioids for pain management, the Director of the Centers
18 for Disease Control and Prevention shall—

19 (1) conduct or support a study that compares—

20 (A) the medical application of marijuana
21 and opioids for pain management; and

22 (B) the degree to which marijuana and
23 opioids are addictive;

24 (2) complete such study in an expedited man-
25 ner; and

- 1 (3) submit a report to the appropriate commit-
- 2 tees of Congress on the results of such study.

