

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2  
OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title III of division B of the bill, add  
the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROTOCOLS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF STROKE**  
2 **PATIENTS.**

3 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that—

4 (1) strokes are a leading cause of death and the  
5 number 1 cause of long-term disability among adults  
6 in the United States; and

7 (2) faster diagnosis and treatment for stroke,  
8 such as through mechanical thrombectomy for emer-  
9 gent large vessel occlusions, greatly increase chances  
10 of survival.

11 (b) PROTOCOLS.—The Administrator of the National  
12 Highway Traffic Safety Administration, acting through  
13 the Office of EMS of the Administration, shall collaborate  
14 with States to develop and implement assessment, treat-  
15 ment, and transport-destination protocols for stroke pa-  
16 tients with the intent to assess, treat, and transport stroke  
17 patients to the most appropriate hospital for treatment.  
18 Such protocols shall consider the capability of an emer-

- 1 gency receiving facility to improve outcomes for patients
- 2 suspected of having an emergent large vessel occlusion.

