

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Institutes of  
5 Health Director Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL RE-**  
2 **SEARCH INSTITUTE OR NATIONAL CENTER**  
3 **OF THE NIH.**

4 Section 405(a)(2)(E) of the Public Health Service  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 284(a)(2)(E)) is amended—

6 (1) in the heading of subparagraph (E), by  
7 striking “RULE OF CONSTRUCTION” and inserting  
8 “TERMINATION FOR CAUSE”; and

9 (2) by inserting “, except that any such termi-  
10 nation may be made only on the basis of malfea-  
11 sance by, neglect of office by, or incapacity of the di-  
12 rector” before the period.