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**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. BOUSTANY OF LOUISIANA**

(to the text of H.R. 3962)

Strike paragraph (2) of section 240(d) and insert the following:

1           (2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of divi-  
2           sions A and B, and any amendments made by those  
3           divisions, the terms “suicide”, “assisted suicide”,  
4           “euthanasia”, and “mercy killing” mean, regardless  
5           of their definitions under State law, the provision or  
6           use of an item or service furnished for the purpose  
7           of causing, or for the purpose of assisting in caus-  
8           ing, the death of any individual, but do not in-  
9           clude—

10           (A) the withholding or withdrawing of  
11           medical treatment or medical care;

12           (B) the withholding or withdrawing of nu-  
13           trition or hydration;

14           (C) abortion; or

15           (D) the use of an item, good, benefit, or  
16           service furnished for the purpose of alleviating  
17           pain or discomfort, even if such use may in-  
18           crease the risk of death, so long as such item,

1           good, benefit, or service is not also furnished  
2           for the purpose of causing, or the purpose of  
3           assisting in causing, death, for any reason.

In paragraph (3) of section 1233(b), strike “assisted  
suicide.” and insert “assisted suicide, as defined in sec-  
tion 240(d)(2).”.

