

AMENDMENT TO THE SPACE ACT

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Page 10, line 5, through page 13, line 14, amend section 5 to read as follows:

1 SEC. 5. GOVERNMENT ASTRONAUTS.

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 50902 of title 51, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through
5 (22) as paragraphs (5) through (23), respectively;

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(4) ‘government astronaut’ means an indi-
9 vidual designated as such by the Administrator of
10 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,
11 pursuant requirements published by the Adminis-
12 trator not later than 180 days after the date of en-
13 actment of the SPACE Act of 2015, who—

14 “(A) is an employee of—

15 “(i) the United States Government,
16 including the United States Armed Forces,
17 engaged in the performance of a Federal
18 function under authority of law or Execu-
19 tive action; or

1 “(ii) a foreign government and en-
2 gaged in the performance of a United
3 States Federal function under authority of
4 law or Executive action; and

5 “(B) is carried within a launch vehicle or
6 reentry vehicle in the course of his or her em-
7 ployment, which may include performance of ac-
8 tivities directly relating to the launch, reentry,
9 or other operation of the launch vehicle or re-
10 entry vehicle.”;

11 (3) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated by
12 paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “gov-
13 ernment astronaut, United States Government space
14 flight participant,” after “crew,”;

15 (4) in paragraph (7)(A), as so redesignated by
16 paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “gov-
17 ernment astronaut, United States Government space
18 flight participant,” after “(including crew train-
19 ing),”;

20 (5) in paragraph (14), as so redesignated by
21 paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “gov-
22 ernment astronauts, United States Government
23 space flight participants,” after “crew,”;

24 (6) in paragraph (15)(A), as so redesignated by
25 paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “gov-

1 ernment astronaut, United States Government space
2 flight participant,” after “(including crew train-
3 ing),”;

4 (7) by amending paragraph (18), as so redesign-
5 nated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, to read
6 as follows:

7 “(18) ‘space flight participant’ means an indi-
8 vidual, who is not crew, a government astronaut, or
9 a United States Government space flight participant,
10 carried within a launch vehicle or reentry vehicle.”;

11 (8) in paragraph (22)(E), as so redesignated by
12 paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “, gov-
13 ernment astronauts, United States Government
14 space flight participants,” after “crew”; and

15 (9) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph:

17 “(24) ‘United States Government space flight
18 participant’ means an individual designated as such
19 by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics
20 and Space Administration, pursuant requirements
21 established by the Administrator, who—

22 “(A) is an employee of the United States
23 Government, including the United States
24 Armed Forces, engaged in the performance of a

1 Federal function under authority of law or Ex-
2 ecutive action; and

3 “(B) is carried within a launch vehicle or
4 reentry vehicle in the course of his or her em-
5 ployment, which may include performance of ac-
6 tivities necessary to fulfill their Federal func-
7 tion under authority of law or Executive ac-
8 tion.”.

9 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON LAUNCHES, OPERATIONS, AND
10 REENTRIES; SINGLE LICENSE OR PERMIT.—Section
11 50904(d) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by
12 inserting “, government astronauts, United States Gov-
13 ernment space flight participants,” after “crew”.

14 (c) LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS;
15 APPLICATIONS.—Section 50905 of title 51, United States
16 Code, is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(D), by inserting “, gov-
18 ernment astronauts, United States Government
19 space flight participants,” after “crew”; and

20 (2) in subsection (c)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, gov-
22 ernment astronauts, United States Government
23 space flight participants,” after “crew”; and

24 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “to crew
25 or space flight participants” each place it ap-

1 pears and inserting “to crew, government astro-
2 nauts, United States Government space flight
3 participants, or space flight participants”.

4 (d) ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS.—Section
5 50908(d)(1) of title 51, United States Code, is amended
6 by striking “to crew or space flight participants” each
7 place it appears and inserting “to crew, government astro-
8 nauts, United States Government space flight partici-
9 pants, or space flight participants”.

10 (e) LIABILITY INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL RESPON-
11 SIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Section 50914 of title 51,
12 United States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(4) by adding at the end
14 the following:

15 “(E) Government astronauts employed by
16 a foreign government.”; and

17 (2) in subsection (b)(2) by inserting “Govern-
18 ment astronauts employed by a foreign govern-
19 ment,” after “space flight participants” each place
20 it appears.

21 (f) PAYING CLAIMS EXCEEDING LIABILITY INSUR-
22 ANCE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRE-
23 MENTS.—Section 50915(a)(1) of title 51, United States
24 Code, is amended by inserting “and not against Govern-

- 1 ment astronauts employed by a foreign government,” after
- 2 “space flight participant,”.

