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:

SEC. 5. GOVERNMENT ASTRONAUTS.

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

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

(2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

“(4) ‘government astronaut’ means an individual designated as such by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, pursuant requirements published by the Administrator not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the SPACE Act of 2015, who—

“(A) is an employee of—

“(i) the United States Government, including the United States Armed Forces, engaged in the performance of a Federal function under authority of law or Executive action; or
“(ii) a foreign government and engaged in the performance of a United States Federal function under authority of law or Executive action; and

“(B) is carried within a launch vehicle or reentry vehicle in the course of his or her employment, which may include performance of activities directly relating to the launch, reentry, or other operation of the launch vehicle or reentry vehicle.”;

(3) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “government astronaut, United States Government space flight participant,” after “crew,”;

(4) in paragraph (7)(A), as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “government astronaut, United States Government space flight participant,” after “(including crew training),”;

(5) in paragraph (14), as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “government astronauts, United States Government space flight participants,” after “crew,”;

(6) in paragraph (15)(A), as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “gov-
ernment astronaut, United States Government space flight participant,” after “(including crew training),”;

(7) by amending paragraph (18), as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, to read as follows:

“(18) ‘space flight participant’ means an individual, who is not crew, a government astronaut, or a United States Government space flight participant, carried within a launch vehicle or reentry vehicle.”;

(8) in paragraph (22)(E), as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “, government astronauts, United States Government space flight participants,” after “crew”; and

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

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

“(A) is an employee of the United States Government, including the United States Armed Forces, engaged in the performance of a
Federal function under authority of law or Executive action; and

“(B) is carried within a launch vehicle or reentry vehicle in the course of his or her employment, which may include performance of activities necessary to fulfill their Federal function under authority of law or Executive action.”.

(b) Restrictions on Launches, Operations, and Reentries; Single License or Permit.—Section 50904(d) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by inserting “, government astronauts, United States Government space flight participants,” after “crew”.

(e) License Applications and Requirements; Applications.—Section 50905 of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2)(D), by inserting “, government astronauts, United States Government space flight participants,” after “crew”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, government astronauts, United States Government space flight participants,” after “crew”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “to crew or space flight participants” each place it ap-
pears and inserting “to crew, government astronauts, United States Government space flight participants, or space flight participants”.

(d) ADDITIONAL SUSPENSIONS.—Section 50908(d)(1) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by striking “to crew or space flight participants” each place it appears and inserting “to crew, government astronauts, United States Government space flight participants, or space flight participants”.

(e) LIABILITY INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Section 50914 of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

(2) in subsection (b)(2) by inserting “Government astronauts employed by a foreign government,” after “space flight participants” each place it appears.

(f) PAYING CLAIMS EXCEEDING LIABILITY INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Section 50915(a)(1) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and not against Govern-
ment astronauts employed by a foreign government,” after
“space flight participant.”