

Calendar No. 612

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 2140**

To improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2014

Mr. HEINRICH (for Mr. RUBIO, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 4, 2014

Reported by Mr. ROCKEFELLER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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. COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH LICENSING.**

4 ~~Section 50906 of title 51, United States Code, is~~
5 ~~amended—~~

1 (1) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “suborbital
2 rocket design” and inserting “suborbital rocket or
3 rocket design”; and

4 (2) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(g) A permit may be issued, and a permit that has
7 already been issued shall remain valid for the uses de-
8 scribed in subsection (d), for a particular reusable sub-
9 orbital rocket or rocket design after a license has been
10 issued for the launch or reentry of a rocket of that de-
11 sign.”.

12 **SECTION 1. COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH LICENSING.**

13 *Section 50906 of title 51, United States Code, is*
14 *amended—*

15 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “launched or
16 reentered” and inserting “launched or reentered under
17 that permit”;

18 (2) by amending subsection (d)(1) to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 “(1) research and development to test design con-
21 cepts, equipment, or operating techniques;”;

22 (3) in subsection (d)(3) by striking “prior to ob-
23 taining a license”;

1 (4) in subsection (e)(1) by striking “suborbital
2 rocket design” and inserting “suborbital rocket or
3 rocket design”; and

4 (5) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(g) The Secretary may issue a permit under this sec-
7 tion notwithstanding any license issued under this chapter.
8 The issuance of a license under this chapter may not invali-
9 date a permit under this section.”.

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