AN ACT

RELATING TO TORT CLAIMS; EXPANDING DEFINITIONS IN THE SPACE FLIGHT INFORMED CONSENT ACT; MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF THE SPACE FLIGHT INFORMED CONSENT ACT PERMANENT BY ELIMINATING THE DELAYED REPEAL IN LAWS 2013, CHAPTER 131, SECTION 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 41-14-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2010, Chapter 8, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"41-14-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Space Flight Informed Consent Act:

A. "crew" means an employee of a space flight entity who performs activities in the course of that employment directly relating to the launch, reentry or other operation of or in a launch vehicle or reentry vehicle that carries human beings;

B. "launch" means placing or trying to place a launch vehicle or reentry vehicle and any payload, crew or participant in a suborbital trajectory, in earth orbit in outer space or otherwise in outer space. "Launch" includes activities involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle or payload for launch when those activities take place at a launch site in New Mexico;

C. "launch vehicle" means:

(1) a vehicle built to operate in, or place
a payload or human beings in, outer space; or

(2) a vehicle built to operate in, or
transport a payload or human being by, suborbital flight;

D. "participant" means an individual who is not
crew and who is carried within a launch vehicle or reentry
vehicle;

E. "participant injury" means an injury sustained
by a participant, including bodily injury, emotional
distress, death, property damage or any other loss arising
from the participant's participation in space flight
activities;

F. "payload" means an object that a person
undertakes to place in outer space by means of a launch
vehicle or reentry vehicle, including components of the
vehicle specifically designed or adapted for that object;

G. "reenter" or "reentry" means to purposefully
return or attempt to return a reentry vehicle and its
payload, crew or participants from earth orbit or from outer
space to earth;

H. "reentry vehicle" means a vehicle, including a
reusable launch vehicle, designed to return from earth orbit
or outer space to earth substantially intact;

I. "space flight activities" means:
(1) activities, including crew training,
crew or participant for launch;

(2) the conduct of a launch;

(3) activities, including crew training, involved in the preparation of a reentry vehicle and payload, crew or participant; and

(4) the conduct of a reentry; and

J. "space flight entity" means:

(1) a public or private entity holding a United States federal aviation administration launch, reentry, operator or launch site license, permit or other authorization for space flight activities; or

(2) a manufacturer or supplier of components, services or vehicles used by the entity that has been reviewed by the United States federal aviation administration as part of issuing such a license, permit or authorization."

SECTION 2. REPEAL.--Laws 2013, Chapter 131, Section 4 is repealed.