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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

1 a payload or human beings in, outer space; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 I. "space flight activities" means:

24 (1) activities, including crew training,
25 involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle, payload,

- 1 crew or participant for launch;
- 2 (2) the conduct of a launch;
- 3 (3) activities, including crew training,
- 4 involved in the preparation of a reentry vehicle and payload,
- 5 crew or participant; and
- 6 (4) the conduct of a reentry; and

7 J. "space flight entity" means:

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

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

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18 is repealed.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

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