

# Calendar No. 612

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2140

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

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## 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]

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## 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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