

Public Law 112–273  
112th Congress

An Act

Jan. 14, 2013  
[H.R. 6586]

Space  
Exploration  
Sustainability  
Act.  
51 USC 10101  
note.

To extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Space Exploration Sustainability Act”.

**SEC. 2. ASSURANCE OF CORE CAPABILITIES.**

Section 203 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. 18313) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT CAPABILITY ASSURANCE.—It is the sense of Congress that the Administrator shall proceed with the utilization of the ISS, technology development, and follow-on transportation systems (including the Space Launch System, multi-purpose crew vehicle, and commercial crew and cargo transportation capabilities) under titles III and IV of this Act in a manner that ensures—

“(1) that these capabilities remain inherently complementary and interrelated;

“(2) a balance of the development, sustainment, and use of each of these capabilities, which are of critical importance to the viability and sustainability of the U.S. space program; and

“(3) that resources required to support the timely and sustainable development of these capabilities authorized in either title III or title IV of this Act are not derived from a reduction in resources for the capabilities authorized in the other title.

“(d) LIMITATION.—Nothing in subsection (c) shall apply to or affect any capability authorized by any other title of this Act”.

**SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN SPACE LAUNCH LIABILITY PROVISIONS.**

Section 50915(f) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by striking “December 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

**SEC. 4. EXEMPTION FROM INKSNA.**

Section 7(1)(B) of the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Non-proliferation Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

(1) by striking “, or for the purchase of goods or services relating to human space flight, that are”; and

(2) by striking “prior to July 1, 2016” and inserting “prior to December 31, 2020”.

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