

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 272

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2024

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize transportation for Government astronauts returning from space between their residence and various locations, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Astronaut Safe Tem-
3 porary Ride Options Act” or the “ASTRO Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF ASTRONAUTS RETURNING**
5 **FROM SPACE.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1344(a)(2) of title 31,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at
9 the end;

10 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or”
11 after the comma at the end; and

12 (3) by inserting before the matter following
13 subparagraph (B) the following:

14 “(C) necessary for post-flight transportation of
15 Government astronauts, and others subject to reim-
16 bursable arrangements, returning from space for the
17 performance of medical research, monitoring, diag-
18 nosis, or treatment, or other official duties, prior to
19 receiving post-flight medical clearance to operate a
20 motor vehicle.”.

21 (b) **REPORT.**—

22 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year
23 after the date of enactment of this Act and annually
24 thereafter, the Administrator of the National Aero-
25 nautics and Space Administration shall submit an
26 annual report to Congress on the use of the author-

1 ity providing transportation under subparagraph (C)
2 of section 1344(a)(2) of title 31, United States Code
3 (as added by subsection (a) of this Act).

4 (2) CONTENTS.—Any such report shall include
5 the name of any individual who received such trans-
6 portation, the number of instances such transpor-
7 tation was provided, and the total cost of such trans-
8 portation for the year preceding the date such report
9 is submitted.

Passed the House of Representatives May 6, 2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.