

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 272

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## 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:

*Clerk.*

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