

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 590

To allow the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into agreements with private and commercial entities and State governments to provide certain supplies, support, and services.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1, 2023

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

To allow the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into agreements with private and commercial entities and State governments to provide certain supplies, support, and services.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Contracts and Obliga-  
5       tions Modernization for Efficient Terms of Service Act”  
6       or the “COMETS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRA-**  
2 **TION AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE AND COM-**  
3 **MERCIAL ENTITIES AND STATE GOVERN-**  
4 **MENTS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SUPPLIES, SUP-**  
5 **PORT, AND SERVICES.**

6 Section 20113 of title 51, United States Code, is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(o) AGREEMENTS WITH COMMERCIAL ENTITIES  
9 AND STATE GOVERNMENTS.—The Administration—

10 “(1) may enter into an agreement with a pri-  
11 vate or commercial entity or a State government to  
12 provide the entity or State government with supplies,  
13 support, and services related to private, commercial,  
14 or State government space activities carried on at a  
15 property owned or operated by the Administration;  
16 and

17 “(2) on request by such an entity or State gov-  
18 ernment, may include such supplies, support, and  
19 services in the requirements of the Administration  
20 if—

21 “(A) the Administrator determines that  
22 the inclusion of such supplies, support, or serv-  
23 ices in such requirements—

24 “(i) is in the best interest of the Fed-  
25 eral Government;

1                   “(ii) does not interfere with the re-  
2                   quirements of the Administration; and

3                   “(iii) does not compete with the com-  
4                   mercial space activities of other such enti-  
5                   ties or State governments; and

6                   “(B) the Administration has full reimburs-  
7                   able funding from the entity or State govern-  
8                   ment that requested such supplies, support, and  
9                   services before making any obligation for the  
10                  delivery of the supplies, support, or services  
11                  under an Administration procurement contract  
12                  or any other agreement.”.

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