

COMMERCIAL SPACE ACT OF 1998¹

[Public Law 105–303; 112 Stat. 2843]

[As Amended Through P.L. 111–314, Enacted December 18, 2010]

【Currency: This publication is a compilation of the text of Public Law 105–303. It was last amended by the public law listed in the As Amended Through note above and below at the bottom of each page of the pdf version and reflects current law through the date of the enactment of the public law listed at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/comps/>】

【Note: While this publication does not represent an official version of any Federal statute, substantial efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of its contents. The official version of Federal law is found in the United States Statutes at Large and in the United States Code. The legal effect to be given to the Statutes at Large and the United States Code is established by statute (1 U.S.C. 112, 204).】

AN ACT To encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. [42 U.S.C. 14701 note] SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Commercial Space Act of 1998”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—PROMOTION OF COMMERCIAL SPACE OPPORTUNITIES

- Sec. 101. Commercialization of Space Station.
- Sec. 102. Commercial space launch amendments.
- Sec. 103. Launch voucher demonstration program.
- Sec. 104. Promotion of United States Global Positioning System standards.
- Sec. 105. Acquisition of space science data.
- Sec. 106. Administration of Commercial Space Centers.
- Sec. 107. Sources of Earth science data.

TITLE II—FEDERAL ACQUISITION OF SPACE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

- Sec. 201. Requirement to procure commercial space transportation services.
- Sec. 202. Acquisition of commercial space transportation services.
- Sec. 203. Launch Services Purchase Act of 1990 amendments.
- Sec. 204. Shuttle privatization.

¹Generally, section 6 of Public Law 111–314 (enacted December 18, 2010) provides for a repeal of a majority of sections in the Commercial Space Act of 1998. Section 3 of such Public Law provides for the enactment into law a new title 51, United States Code. Many of the provisions repealed have been codified to title 51, USC. See bracketed notes throughout this Act which include details related to a repeal. Also, see Law Revision Counsel’s disposition tables set out in the committee report for H.R. 3237 found in a pdf file located in /comp/science to see where the prior provisions have been restated in the new title 51, United States Code.

The repeal of sections of this Act by section 6 of Public Law 111–314 did not include a conforming amendment to repeal the items related to such repealed sections in the table of contents contained in section 1(b).

Sec. 205. Use of excess intercontinental ballistic missiles.
Sec. 206. National launch capability study.

【Section 2 was repealed by section 6 of Public Law 111–314. See Law Revision Counsel’s disposition tables for those provisions that were included in title 51, USC as enacted into law by section 3 of such Public Law.】

TITLE I—PROMOTION OF COMMERCIAL SPACE OPPORTUNITIES

【Section 101 was repealed by section 6 of Public Law 111–314. See Law Revision Counsel’s disposition tables for those provisions that were included in title 51, USC as enacted into law by section 3 of such Public Law.】

SEC. 102. COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH AMENDMENTS.²

SEC. 103. LAUNCH VOUCHER DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

Section 504 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1993 (15 U.S.C. 5803) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (a)—
 - (A) by striking “the Office of Commercial Programs within”; and
 - (B) by striking “Such program shall not be effective after September 30, 1995.”;
- (2) by striking subsection (c); and
- (3) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

SEC. 104. [42 U.S.C. 14712] PROMOTION OF UNITED STATES GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM STANDARDS.

(a) FINDING.—The Congress finds that the Global Positioning System, including satellites, signal equipment, ground stations, data links, and associated command and control facilities, has become an essential element in civil, scientific, and military space development because of the emergence of a United States commercial industry which provides Global Positioning System equipment and related services.

【(b) Section 104(b) was repealed by section 6 of Public Law 111–314. See Law Revision Counsel’s disposition tables for those provisions that were included in title 51, USC as enacted into law by section 3 of such Public Law.】

【Sections 105 through 107 were repealed by section 6 of Public Law 111–314. See Law Revision Counsel’s disposition tables for those provisions that were included in title 51, USC as enacted into law by section 3 of such Public Law.】

²This section amends chapter 701 of title 49, which appears elsewhere in this compilation.

TITLE II—FEDERAL ACQUISITION OF SPACE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

【Sections 201 and 202 were repealed by section 6 of Public Law 111-314. See Law Revision Counsel's disposition tables for those provisions that were included in title 51, USC as enacted into law by section 3 of such Public Law.】

SEC. 203. LAUNCH SERVICES PURCHASE ACT OF 1990 AMENDMENTS.³

【Sections 204 through 206 were repealed by section 6 of Public Law 111-314. See Law Revision Counsel's disposition tables for those provisions that were included in title 51, USC as enacted into law by section 3 of such Public Law.】

³This section amends the Launch Services Purchase Act of 1990, which appears elsewhere in this compilation.