

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ACT OF 1958

[Public Law 85-568]

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

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【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 provide for research into problems of flight within and outside the earth's atmosphere, and for other purposes.

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

TITLE I—SHORT TITLE, DECLARATION OF POLICY, AND DEFINITIONS¹

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 101. This Act may be cited as the “National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958”.

【42 U.S.C. 2451 Note】

【Sections 102 and 103 were repealed by section 6 of Public Law 111-314.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.】

TITLE II—COORDINATION OF AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE ACTIVITIES

【Sections 201 through 208 were repealed by section 6 of Public Law 111-314.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.】

¹ Generally, section 6 of Public Law 111-314 (enacted December 18, 2010) provides for a repeal of a majority of sections in the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958. 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 Many of the provisions repealed have been codified to title 51, USC.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.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

SEC. 301. (a) The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, on the effective date of this section, shall cease to exist. On such date all functions, powers, duties, and obligations, and all real and personal property, personnel (other than members of the Committee), funds, and records of that organization, shall be transferred to the Administration.

[42 U.S.C. 2472 nt]

[Sections 302 and 303 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.]

SECURITY

SEC. 304.

[Section 304(a) 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.]

(b) The Atomic Energy Commission may authorize any of its employees, or employees of any contractor, prospective contractor, licensee, or prospective licensee of the Atomic Energy Commission or any other person authorized to have access to Restricted Data by the Atomic Energy Commission under subsection 145 b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2165(b)), to permit any member, officer, or employee of the Council, or the Administrator, or any officer, employee, member of an advisory committee, contractor, subcontractor, or officer or employee of a contractor or subcontractor of the Administration, to have access to Restricted Data relating to aeronautical and space activities which is required in the performance of his duties and so certified by the Council or the Administrator, as the case may be, but only if (1) the Council or Administrator or designee thereof has determined, in accordance with the established personnel security procedures and standards of the Council or Administration, that permitting such individual to have access to such Restricted Data will not endanger the common defense and security, and (2) the Council or Administrator or designee thereof finds that the established personnel and other security procedures and standards of the Council or Administration are adequate and in reasonable conformity to the standards established by the Atomic Energy Commission under section 145 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2165). Any individual granted access to such Restricted Data pursuant to this subsection may exchange such Data with any individual who (A) is an officer or employee of the Department of Defense, or any department or agency thereof, or a member of the armed forces, or a contractor or subcontractor of any such department, agency, or armed force, or an officer or employee of any such contractor or subcontractor, and (B) has been authorized to have access to Restricted Data

under the provisions of section 143 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2163).

【42 U.S.C. 2455】

(c) Chapter 37 of title 18 of the United States Code (entitled Espionage and Censorship) is amended by—

(1) adding at the end thereof the following new section:

“§ 799. Violation of regulations of National Aeronautics and Space Administration

“Whoever willfully shall violate, attempt to violate, or conspire to violate any regulation or order promulgated by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the protection or security of any laboratory, station, base or other facility, or part thereof, or any aircraft, missile, spacecraft, or similar vehicle, or part thereof, or other property or equipment in the custody of the Administration, or any real or personal property or equipment in the custody of any contractor under any contract with the Administration or any subcontractor of any such contractor, shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.”

(2) adding at the end of the sectional analysis thereof the following new item:

“799. Violation of regulations of National Aeronautics and Space Administration.”

(d) Section 1114 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended by inserting immediately before “while engaged in the performance of his official duties” the following: “or any officer or employee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration directed to guard and protect property of the United States under the administration and control of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.”.

【Section 304(e) and (f) 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.】

【Sections 305 through 317 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.】

TITLE IV—UPPER ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

【Sections 401 through 404 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.】