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S. 592

To improve the transition between experimental permits and commercial licenses for commercial reusable launch vehicles.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

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

A BILL

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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. COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH LICENSING.**

4 Section 50906 of title 51, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d), by striking “launched or
7 reentered” and inserting “launched or reentered
8 under that permit”;

9 (2) by amending subsection (d)(1) to read as
10 follows:

1 “(1) research and development to test design
2 concepts, equipment, or operating techniques;”;

3 (3) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “prior to
4 obtaining a license”;

5 (4) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “suborbital
6 rocket design” and inserting “suborbital rocket or
7 rocket design”; and

8 (5) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-
9 lows:

10 “(g) The Secretary may issue a permit under this sec-
11 tion notwithstanding any license issued under this chapter.
12 The issuance of a license under this chapter may not inval-
13 idate a permit under this section.”.

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