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## AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118–159 struck out period at end of section catchline.

**§ 2275c. Space Force satellite ground systems**

(a) **REQUIREMENT.**—The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisitions and Integration, acting as the service acquisition executive for the Air Force for space systems and programs, may not authorize a launch associated with a Space Force satellite acquisition program unless—

(1) the associated ground systems and modifications are completed and ready for operation at the time of the launch; and

(2) the applicable satellite capabilities may be used on completion of the launch.

(b) **WAIVER.**—(1) The Secretary of the Air Force may waive the requirement under subsection (a) if the Secretary determines that such waiver is necessary for reasons of national security.

(2) Not later than 10 days after making a waiver under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall notify the congressional defense committees of such waiver.

(Added Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, §1603(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2160.)

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions requiring reports on integration of acquisition and capability delivery schedules for segments of major satellite acquisition programs and funding for such programs were contained in section 2275 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, §1603(b), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2160.

**§ 2276. Commercial space launch cooperation**

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense may take such actions as the Secretary considers to be in the best interest of the Federal Government to—

(1) maximize the use of the capacity of the space transportation infrastructure of the Department of Defense by the private sector in the United States;

(2) maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of the space transportation infrastructure of the Department of Defense;

(3) reduce the cost of services provided by the Department of Defense related to space transportation infrastructure at launch support facilities and space recovery support facilities;

(4) encourage commercial space activities by enabling investment by covered entities in the space transportation infrastructure of the Department of Defense; and

(5) foster cooperation between the Department of Defense and covered entities.

(b) **AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS AND OTHER AGREEMENTS RELATING TO SPACE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**—The Secretary of Defense—

(1) may enter into an agreement with a covered entity to provide the covered entity with

support and services related to the space transportation infrastructure of the Department of Defense; and

(2) upon the request of such covered entity, may include such support and services in the space launch and reentry range support requirements of the Department of Defense if—

(A) the Secretary determines that the inclusion of such support and services in such requirements—

(i) is in the best interest of the Federal Government;

(ii) does not interfere with the requirements of the Department of Defense; and

(iii) does not compete with the commercial space activities of other covered entities, unless that competition is in the national security interests of the United States; and

(B) any commercial requirement included in the agreement has full non-Federal funding before the execution of the agreement.

(c) **CONTRIBUTIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense may enter into an agreement with a covered entity on a cooperative and voluntary basis to accept contributions of funds, services, and equipment to carry out this section.

(2) **USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**—Any funds, services, or equipment accepted by the Secretary under this subsection—

(A) may be used only for the objectives specified in this section in accordance with terms of use set forth in the agreement entered into under this subsection; and

(B) shall be managed by the Secretary in accordance with regulations of the Department of Defense.

(3) **REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO AGREEMENTS.**—An agreement entered into with a covered entity under this subsection—

(A) shall address the terms of use, ownership, and disposition of the funds, services, or equipment contributed pursuant to the agreement; and

(B) shall include a provision that the covered entity will not recover the costs of its contribution through any other agreement with the United States.

(d) **DEFENSE COOPERATION SPACE LAUNCH ACCOUNT.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a special account to be known as the “Defense Cooperation Space Launch Account”.

(2) **CREDITING OF FUNDS.**—Funds received by the Secretary of Defense under subsection (c) shall be credited to the Defense Cooperation Space Launch Account.

(3) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Funds deposited in the Defense Cooperation Space Launch Account under paragraph (2) are authorized to be appropriated and shall be available for obligation only to the extent provided in advance in an appropriation Act for costs incurred by the Department of Defense in carrying out subsection (b). Funds in the Account shall remain available until expended.

[(e) Repealed. Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §813(a)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1851.]