

1-1 By: Bonnen (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Nueces) H.B. No. 4157
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2025;
1-3 May 12, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| 1-7 | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 | X | | | |
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to liability protections for commercial space flight and
1-22 exploration.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 100A.001(5), Civil Practice and Remedies
1-25 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-26 (5) "Space flight participant" means an individual[
1-27 ~~who is not crew,~~] carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or
1-28 reentry vehicle.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 100A.003(b), Civil Practice and Remedies
1-30 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-31 (b) An agreement under Subsection (a) is considered
1-32 effective and enforceable if it is:

1-33 (1) in writing;

1-34 (2) in a document separate from any other agreement
1-35 between the space flight participant and the space flight entity
1-36 other than a different warning, consent, or assumption of risk
1-37 statement;

1-38 (3) printed in not less than 10-point bold type; and

1-39 (4) signed by the space flight participant on behalf
1-40 of the space flight participant and any heirs, executors,
1-41 administrators, representatives, attorneys, successors, and
1-42 assignees of the space flight participant[~~, and~~

1-43 ~~[(5) signed by a competent witness].~~

1-44 SECTION 3. Chapter 100A, Civil Practice and Remedies Code,
1-45 is amended by adding Section 100A.005 to read as follows:

1-46 Sec. 100A.005. RECOGNITION OF RECIPROCAL WAIVER OF CLAIMS.
1-47 A reciprocal waiver of claims between parties engaged in space
1-48 flight activities under the Federal Aviation Regulations in 14
1-49 C.F.R. Section 440.17 is effective and enforceable in this state,
1-50 including a waiver by a contractor, subcontractor, or customer of
1-51 any party participating in a space flight activity.

1-52 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-53 to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of
1-54 this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date
1-55 of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the cause of action
1-56 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
1-57 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-58 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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