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S. B. No. 2505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to liability protections for commercial space flight and  
3 exploration.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

7 (5) "Space flight participant" means an individual [~~who is not crew,~~ carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or  
8 ~~who is not crew,~~ carried aboard a spacecraft, launch vehicle, or  
9 reentry vehicle.

10 SECTION 2. Section 100A.003(b), Civil Practice and Remedies  
11 Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 (b) An agreement under Subsection (a) is considered  
13 effective and enforceable if it is:

14 (1) in writing;

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

20 (4) signed by the space flight participant on behalf  
21 of the space flight participant and any heirs, executors,  
22 administrators, representatives, attorneys, successors, and  
23 assignees of the space flight participant[; and

24 [ (5) ~~signed by a competent witness~~ ].

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

3 Sec. 100A.005. RECOGNITION OF RECIPROCAL WAIVER OF CLAIMS.  
4 A reciprocal waiver of claims between parties engaged in space  
5 flight activities under the Federal Aviation Regulations in 14  
6 C.F.R. Section 440.17 is effective and enforceable in this state,  
7 including a waiver by a contractor, subcontractor, or customer of  
8 any party participating in a space flight activity.

9 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
10 to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of  
11 this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date  
12 of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the cause of action  
13 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is  
14 continued in effect for that purpose.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.