

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO COMMITTEE PRINT  
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Add at the end the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **RESTRICTION ON EXPERIMENTAL LAUNCHES**  
**2** **WITHOUT A REIMBURSEMENT PLAN FOR THE**  
**3** **FLYING PUBLIC.**

**4** (a) RESTRICTION.—No funds made available by this  
**5** title may be used for the Administrator of the Federal  
**6** Aviation Administration to approve any launch licenses or  
**7** permits for experimental rockets, from an applicant that  
**8** has, on at least 2 occasions, failed to follow license require-  
**9** ments within the last 5 years, unless—

**10** (1) the applicant includes in the application for  
**11** such approval a plan, in the event of a significant  
**12** unscheduled or unanticipated flight disruption to the  
**13** national airspace system as a result of the proposed  
**14** launch, to reimburse—

**15** (A) passengers of any air carrier operating  
**16** under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal  
**17** Regulations, that are impacted by such a dis-  
**18** ruption, for any additional costs resulting from  
**19** such a disruption; and

1 (B) any air carriers operating under part  
2 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations,  
3 that are impacted by such a disruption, for any  
4 additional operational costs resulting from such  
5 a disruption;

6 (2) the applicant accepts as a condition of any  
7 subsequent such approval, that the applicant will  
8 execute the plan described in paragraph (1) in the  
9 event of a significant unscheduled or unanticipated  
10 disruption; and

11 (3) the Administrator determines that the plan  
12 would be sufficient to provide reimbursement for  
13 economic and compensatory damages equitable to re-  
14 imbursements required of air carriers operating  
15 under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-  
16 tions.

17 (b) DEFINITION OF SIGNIFICANT UNSCHEDULED OR  
18 UNANTICIPATED DISRUPTION.—In this section, the term  
19 “significant unscheduled or unanticipated disruption”  
20 means any unscheduled launch event in which the Admin-  
21 istrator of the Federal Aviation Administration—

22 (1) creates at least one unscheduled debris re-  
23 sponse area; and

- 1 (2) reroutes air carriers operating under part
- 2 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

