

HR 5245

To extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Became Public Law No: 108-428.

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Law: 108-428 (Enacted Nov 30, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Boehlert, Sherwood [R-NY-24]

Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6] | D · TN | | Oct 8, 2004 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House | Discharged From | Oct 9, 2004 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 108 HR 5382 | Text similarities | Dec 23, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-492. |
| 108 HR 3752 | Text similarities | Mar 8, 2004: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Extends liability insurance and financial responsibility requirements with respect to commercial space transportation through December 31, 2009.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to arrange with a nonprofit entity for a study: (1) regarding the liability risk sharing regime in the United States for commercial space transportation; (2) to assess methods by which the liability risk sharing regime could be eliminated and whether alternative steps would be needed to maintain a viable and competitive U.S. space transportation industry if it were eliminated; and (3) to examine liability risk sharing in other nations with commercial launch capability and evaluate the direct and indirect impact that eliminating the regime would have on the competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space launch industry in relation to foreign commercial launch providers and on U.S. assured access to space.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Nov 30, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-428.
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- **Nov 19, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 16, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11390)
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11390)
- **Nov 16, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 9, 2004:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Oct 8, 2004:** Committee on Science discharged.
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- **Oct 8, 2004:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H9020)
- **Oct 8, 2004:** Mr. Smith (MI) asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Oct 8, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H9020)
- **Oct 8, 2004:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H9020)
- **Oct 8, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **Oct 7, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Science.