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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Wright) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 331.502, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

331.502 Recovery of spaceflight assets.-

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Launch" has the same meaning as provided in 51 U.S.C.

50902.



11 (b) "Law enforcement agency" has the same meaning as
12 provided in s. 908.102.

13 (c) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as
14 provided in s. 943.10.

15 (d) "Reentry" has the same meaning as provided in 51 U.S.C.
16 50902.

17 (e) "Spaceflight activities" and "spaceflight entity" have
18 the same meanings as provided in s. 331.501(1).

19 (f) "Spaceflight asset" means any item, or any part of an
20 item, owned by a spaceflight entity which is used in spaceflight
21 activities, including crewed and uncrewed capsules, launch
22 vehicles, parachutes and other landing aids, and any ancillary
23 equipment that was attached to the launch vehicle during launch,
24 orbit, or reentry.

25 (2) A spaceflight entity retains ownership over a
26 spaceflight asset following a launch or reentry, regardless of
27 the physical condition or location of a spaceflight asset,
28 unless or until such time the spaceflight entity expressly
29 indicates its intent to abandon the asset.

30 (3) (a) A person who locates any item reasonably
31 identifiable as a spaceflight asset must report the description
32 and location of the spaceflight asset to a law enforcement
33 agency having jurisdiction over the location.

34 (b) A law enforcement agency that receives a report under
35 this subsection must make a reasonable effort to identify the
36 owner of the spaceflight asset and promptly notify the owner of
37 any information relevant to the recovery of the spaceflight
38 asset.

39 (4) The owner of a spaceflight asset may enter private



40 property to recover a spaceflight asset if a law enforcement
41 officer authorizes such entry after determining that exigent
42 circumstances exist. Exigent circumstances may include, but are
43 not limited to, a determination that a failure to timely recover
44 the spaceflight asset may result in an immediate danger to
45 public safety or damage to, or destruction of, the spaceflight
46 asset.

47 (5) A person may not knowingly appropriate an item
48 reasonably identifiable as a spaceflight asset to his or her own
49 use, or to the use of any other person not entitled to the
50 spaceflight asset, or refuse to surrender a spaceflight asset to
51 a law enforcement officer or the owner upon demand. A person who
52 violates this subsection commits misappropriation of a
53 spaceflight asset, a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
54 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A court shall order any
55 person convicted of violating this subsection to pay restitution
56 to the owner of the spaceflight asset if, as a result of the
57 misappropriation of a spaceflight asset, the asset is damaged or
58 cannot be recovered.

59 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of
60 section 331.501, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

61 331.501 Spaceflight; informed consent.—

62 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

63 (a) "Participant" means any spaceflight participant as that
64 term is defined in 51 U.S.C. s. 50902 ~~49 U.S.C. s. 70102~~.

65 (b) "Spaceflight activities" means launch services or
66 reentry services as those terms are defined in 51 U.S.C. s.
67 50902 ~~49 U.S.C. s. 70102~~.

68 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to recovery of spaceflight assets;
creating s. 331.502, F.S.; defining terms; providing
that a spaceflight entity retains ownership of a
spaceflight asset after launch or upon reentry;
requiring a person who finds an item reasonably
identifiable as a spaceflight asset to report the
description and location of the asset to law
enforcement; requiring a law enforcement agency to
make reasonable efforts to identify and notify the
owner of a spaceflight asset; authorizing the owner of
a spaceflight asset to enter private property under
specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from
appropriating a spaceflight asset to his or her own
use or refusing to surrender a spaceflight asset to
law enforcement or the owner; providing criminal
penalties; amending s. 331.501, F.S.; updating
references to federal provisions; providing an
effective date.