1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to spaceflight entity liability;
3	amending s. 331.501, F.S.; providing and revising
4	definitions; revising provisions exempting a
5	spaceflight entity from liability for injury or death
6	resulting from spaceflight activities; providing
7	exceptions; providing construction; revising
8	provisions requiring the signing of a specified
9	warning statement; revoking immunity privileges for a
10	noncompliant spaceflight entity; providing an
11	effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 331.501, Florida Statutes, is amended
16	to read:
17	331.501 Spaceflight; informed consent
18	(1) For purposes of this section, the term:
19	(a) "Crew" means a crew or government astronauts as
20	defined in 51 U.S.C. s. 50902.
21	$\underline{\text{(b)}}_{\text{(a)}}$ "Participant" means $\underline{a}_{\text{any}}$ spaceflight participant
22	as that term is defined in 51 U.S.C. s. 50902.
23	(c)(b) "Spaceflight activities" means launch services or
24	reentry services as those terms are defined in 51 U.S.C. s.
25	50902, as well as activities occurring between launch and

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landing.

- (d) (c) "Spaceflight entity" means <u>a</u> any public or private entity <u>that holds</u> holding a United States Federal Aviation

 Administration launch, reentry, operator, or launch site license for spaceflight activities <u>or is otherwise authorized by the United States Government to conduct spaceflight activities.</u> The term also includes <u>a</u> any manufacturer or supplier of <u>spaceflight</u> components, services, or vehicles <u>that have been reviewed by the United States Federal Aviation Administration as part of issuing such a license, permit, or authorization.</u>
- (2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a spaceflight entity is not liable for injury to or death of a participant or crew resulting from the inherent risks of spaceflight activities so long as the warning contained in subsection (3) is distributed and signed as required. Except as provided in paragraph (b), a participant, or participant's representative, crew, or crew's representative may not maintain an action against or recover from a spaceflight entity for the loss, damage, or death of the participant or crew resulting exclusively from any of the inherent risks of spaceflight activities.
- (b) Paragraph (a) does not prevent or limit the liability of a spaceflight entity if the spaceflight entity does any one or more of the following:
 - 1. Commits an act or omission that constitutes gross

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negligence or willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant or crew, which and that act or omission proximately causes injury, damage, or death to the participant or crew;

- 2. Has actual knowledge or reasonably should have known of an extraordinarily a dangerous condition that is not inherent on the land or in the facilities or equipment used in the spaceflight activities, which and the danger proximately causes injury, damage, or death to the participant or crew; or
 - 3. Intentionally injures the participant or crew.
- (c) Any limitation on legal liability afforded by this subsection to a spaceflight entity is in addition to any other limitation of legal liability otherwise provided by law.
- (3)(a) Every spaceflight entity providing spaceflight activities to a participant, whether such activities occur on or off a launch the site of a facility capable of launching a suborbital flight, shall have each participant or crew sign the warning statement specified in paragraph (b).
- (b) The warning statement described in paragraph (a) <u>must</u> shall contain, at a minimum, the following statement:

"WARNING: Under Florida law, there is no liability for an injury to or death of a participant or crew in a spaceflight activity provided by a spaceflight entity if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of the spaceflight activity. Injuries caused by the inherent risks of spaceflight activities may

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include, among others, injury to land, equipment, persons, and animals, as well as the potential for you to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to your injury or death. You are assuming the risk of participating in this spaceflight activity."

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- (c) Failure to comply with the warning statement requirements in this section shall prevent a spaceflight entity from invoking the privileges of immunity provided by this section.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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