

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 272  
OFFERED BY MR. COMER OF KENTUCKY**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Astronaut Safe Tem-  
3 porary Ride Options Act of 2024” or the “ASTRO Act  
4 of 2024”.

**5 SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF ASTRONAUTS RETURNING  
6 FROM SPACE.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1344(a)(2) of title 31,  
8 United States Code, is amended—

9           (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at  
10 the end;

11           (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “or”  
12 after the comma at the end; and

13           (3) by inserting before the matter following  
14 subparagraph (B) the following:

15           “(C) necessary for post-flight transportation of  
16 Government astronauts, and others subject to reim-  
17 bursable arrangements, returning from space for the  
18 performance of medical research, monitoring, diag-

1        nosis, or treatment, or other official duties, prior to  
2        receiving post-flight medical clearance to operate a  
3        motor vehicle.”.

4        (b) REPORT.—

5            (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
6        after the date of enactment of this Act and annually  
7        thereafter, the Administrator of the National Aero-  
8        nautics and Space Administration shall submit an  
9        annual report to Congress on the use of the author-  
10        ity providing transportation under subparagraph (C)  
11        of section 1344(a)(2) of title 31, United States Code  
12        (as added by subsection (a) of this Act).

13            (2) CONTENTS.—Any such report shall include  
14        the name of any individual who received such trans-  
15        portation, the number of instances such transpor-  
16        tation was provided, and the total cost of such trans-  
17        portation for the year preceding the date such report  
18        is submitted.

