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# H. R. 272

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BABIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF ASTRONAUTS RETURNING**  
2 **FROM SPACE.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1344(a)(2) of title 31,  
4 United States Code, is amended—

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

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

9 (3) by inserting before the matter following  
10 subparagraph (B) the following:

11 “(C) necessary for post-flight transportation of  
12 Government astronauts, and others subject to reim-  
13 bursable arrangements, returning from space for the  
14 performance of medical research, monitoring, diag-  
15 nosis, or treatment, or other official duties, prior to  
16 receiving post-flight medical clearance to operate a  
17 motor vehicle.”.

18 (b) **REPORT.**—

19 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year  
20 after the date of enactment of this Act and annually  
21 thereafter, the Administrator of the National Aero-  
22 nautics and Space Administration shall submit an  
23 annual report to Congress on the use of the author-  
24 ity providing transportation under subparagraph (C)  
25 of section 1344(a)(2) of title 31, United States Code  
26 (as added by subsection (a) of this Act).

1           (2) CONTENTS.—Any such report shall include  
2           the name of any individual who received such trans-  
3           portation, the number of instances such transpor-  
4           tation was provided, and the total cost of such trans-  
5           portation for the year preceding the date such report  
6           is submitted.

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