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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. BABIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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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.—Subsection (b) of section 1344 of  
4 title 31, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” after  
6 the semicolon;

7 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period and  
8 inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph:

11 “(10) an officer or employee returning from  
12 space when transportation is necessary for the per-  
13 formance of medical research, monitoring, diagnosis,  
14 or treatment, or other official duties as approved by  
15 the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and  
16 Space Administration, prior to such officer or em-  
17 ployee receiving post-flight medical clearance to op-  
18 erate a motor vehicle.”.

19 (b) REPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act and an-  
22 nually thereafter, the Administrator of the National  
23 Aeronautics and Space Administration shall submit  
24 to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
25 and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability  
26 of the House of Representatives and the Committee

1 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the  
2 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
3 Affairs of the Senate a report on transportation  
4 under paragraph (10) of section 1344(b) of title 31,  
5 United States Code (as amended by subsection (a)).

6 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report under paragraph  
7 (1) shall include, for the immediately preceding 12  
8 month period, the following:

9 (A) For each officer or employee of a Fed-  
10 eral agency transported, the following:

11 (i) A description of such transpor-  
12 tation.

13 (ii) The name of any such officer or  
14 employee who received such transportation.

15 (iii) Costs associated with such trans-  
16 portation.

17 (B) The total number of instances such  
18 transportation was provided.

19 (C) The total cost of such transportation.

20 (c) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN FUNDING.—No addi-  
21 tional amounts are authorized to be appropriated to carry  
22 out this Act or the amendments made by this Act.