



## SPACEFLIGHT INFORMED CONSENT LEGISLATIVE TALKING POINTS

**Space Florida Requests the Florida Legislature Pass HB703 and SB652**

*This bill will remove the Sunset provision on the 2008 Informed Consent legislation passed into law to allow Florida's aerospace industry to be competitive with other states*

### BACKGROUND

- Sponsored by Senator Simmons and Representative Goodson
- The 2008 legislation passed into law was SB 2438, sponsored by then Senator Posey and then Representative now Senator Simmons
- Does not hold Spaceflight Entity liable for inherent risk related to Spaceflight Activity
- Aids Florida in competing for Spaceflight businesses
- Current Florida law is scheduled to Sunset on October 2, 2018
- Virginia removed the Sunset on their liability legislation in 2010
  - Virginia law was set to Sunset in 2013
- Legislation would aid Space Florida in attracting different types of commercial space companies to do business in Florida
  - This includes both the tourist industry but also those companies interested in participating in Commercial Crew & Cargo through NASA
- The bill requires space flight participants to fully understand the risks of their activities to the standard required by federal law
- Definitions of terms, including “Participants”, “Spaceflight Entities”, and “Spaceflight Activities”, tie directly to the federal regulatory scheme
- The bill requires the signing of a specific warning and acknowledgement statement whereby the participant acknowledges the risks involved and waives all claims

### RECOMMENDATION

- Space Florida asks that the Florida Legislature pass HB703 & SB652 into law removing the Sunset provision from the 2008 Spaceflight Informed Consent

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