THE FLORIDA SENATE 2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Military Affairs, Space, And Domestic Security

SB 652 — Liability of Spaceflight Entities

by Senators Simmons and Altman

The bill saves from repeal s. 331.501, F.S., which provides spaceflight entities with immunity from liability for the loss, damage, or death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of spaceflight activities. Section 331.501, F.S., was created in 2008 in an effort to provide additional incentives to encourage private spaceflight companies to locate in Florida. The bill also extends the existing liability protections to include space-related manufactures and suppliers that have been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 115-0

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