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### Subtitle A—United States Space Force

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#### SEC. 1701. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE IN THE

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.

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Part I of subtitle D of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the

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following new chapter:

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#### “CHAPTER 909—THE SPACE FORCE

- “Sec.
- “9091. Establishment of the Space Force.
- “9092. The Space Staff: function; composition.
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- “9094. Chief of Staff of the Space Force.
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#### “§9091. Establishment of the Space Force

1           “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a United States Space Force as an armed  
2 force within the Department of the Air Force.

3           “(b) FUNCTIONS.—(1) The Space Force shall be organized, trained, and equipped—

4                   “(A) to provide for freedom of operations in, from, and to the space domain for  
5 the United States;

6                   “(B) to provide independent military options for joint and national leadership; and

7                   “(C) to enable the lethality and effectiveness of the joint force.

8           “(2) The Space Force includes both combat and combat-support functions to enable  
9 prompt and sustained offensive and defensive space operations and joint operations in all  
10 domains.

11          “(c) COMPOSITION.—The Space Force consists of—

12                   “(1) the Regular Space Force and associated reserve components;

13                   “(2) all persons appointed or enlisted in, or conscripted into, the Space Force,  
14 including those not assigned to units, necessary to form the basis for a complete and  
15 immediate mobilization for the national defense in the event of a national emergency; and

16                   “(3) all Space Force units and other Space Force organizations, including  
17 installations and supporting and auxiliary combat, training, administrative, and logistic  
18 elements.

19          “(d) DUTIES.—Except as otherwise specifically prescribed by law, the Space Force shall  
20 be organized in such manner, and the members of the Space Force shall perform such duties and  
21 have such titles, as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

22          “§9092. The Space Staff: function; composition

1           “(a) FUNCTION.—There is in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force a  
2 Space Staff to assist the Secretary of the Air Force in carrying out the responsibilities of the  
3 Secretary.

4           “(b) COMPOSITION.—The Space Staff is composed of the following:

5                   “(1) The Chief of Staff of the Space Force.

6                   “(2) The Vice Chief of Staff of the Space Force.

7                   “(3) Such other offices and officials as may be established by law or as the  
8 Secretary of the Air Force may establish or designate.

9                   “(4) Other members of the Air Force and Space Force assigned or detailed to the  
10 Space Staff.

11                   “(5) Civilian employees in the Department of the Air Force assigned or detailed to  
12 the Space Staff.

13           “(c) ORGANIZATION.—Except as otherwise specifically prescribed by law, the Space Staff  
14 shall be organized in such manner, and the members of the Space Staff shall perform such duties  
15 and have such titles, as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

16 **“§9093. The Space Staff: general duties**

17           “(a) PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The Space Staff shall furnish professional assistance  
18 to the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Space Force, and other personnel of  
19 the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force or the Space Staff.

20           “(b) AUTHORITIES.—Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the  
21 Air Force, the Space Staff shall—

22                   “(1) subject to subsections (c) and (d) of section 9014 of this title, prepare for  
23 such employment of the Space Force, and for such recruiting, organizing, supplying,

1 equipping (including research and development), training, servicing, mobilizing,  
2 demobilizing, administering, and maintaining of the Space Force, as will assist in the  
3 execution of any power, duty, or function of the Secretary of the Air Force or the Chief of  
4 Staff of the Space Force;

5 “(2) investigate and report upon the efficiency of the Space Force and its  
6 preparation to support military operations by commanders of the combatant commands;

7 “(3) prepare detailed instructions for the execution of approved plans and  
8 supervise the execution of those plans and instructions;

9 “(4) as directed by the Secretary of the Air Force or the Chief Staff of the Space  
10 Force, coordinate the action of organizations of the Space Force; and

11 “(5) perform such other duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as may be  
12 prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

13 **“§9094. Chief of Staff of the Space Force**

14 “(a) APPOINTMENT.— (1) There is a Chief of Staff of the Space Force, appointed by the  
15 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the general officers of the  
16 Space Force. The Chief of Staff shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

17 “(2) The Chief of Staff shall be appointed for a term of four years. In time of war or  
18 during a national emergency declared by Congress, the Chief of Staff may be reappointed for a  
19 term of not more than four years.

20 “(3) The President may appoint an officer as Chief of Staff only if—

21 “(A) the officer has had significant experience in joint duty assignments; and

22 “(B) such experience includes at least one full tour of duty in a joint duty  
23 assignment (as defined in section 664(d) of this title) as a general officer.

1           “(4) The President may waive paragraph (3) in the case of an officer if the President  
2 determines such action is necessary in the national interest.

3           “(b) GRADE.—The Chief of Staff of the Space Force, while so serving, has the grade of  
4 general without vacating the permanent grade of the officer.

5           “(c) RELATIONSHIP TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.—Except as otherwise  
6 prescribed by law and subject to section 9013(f) of this title, the Chief of Staff of the Space  
7 Force performs the duties of such position under the authority, direction, and control of the  
8 Secretary of the Air Force and is directly responsible to the Secretary.

9           “(d) DUTIES.—Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air  
10 Force, the Chief of Staff of the Space Force shall—

11                   “(1) preside over the Space Staff;

12                   “(2) transmit the plans and recommendations of the Space Staff to the Secretary  
13 of the Air Force and advise the Secretary with regard to such plans and  
14 recommendations;

15                   “(3) after approval of the plans or recommendations of the Space Staff by the  
16 Secretary of the Air Force, act as the agent of the Secretary in carrying them into effect;

17                   “(4) exercise supervision, consistent with the authority assigned to commanders  
18 of unified or specified combatant commands under chapter 6 of this title, over such of the  
19 members and organizations of the Space Force and the Air Force as the Secretary of the  
20 Air Force determines;

21                   “(5) perform the duties prescribed for the Chief of Staff by sections 171 and 2547  
22 of this title and other provisions of law; and

1           “(6) perform such other military duties, not otherwise assigned by law, as are  
2 assigned to the Chief of Staff by the President, the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary  
3 of the Air Force.

4           “(e) JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.— (1) The Chief of Staff of the Space Force shall also  
5 perform the duties prescribed for the Chief of Staff as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
6 under section 151 of this title.

7           “(2) To the extent that such action does not impair the independence of the Chief of Staff  
8 in the performance of the duties of the Chief of Staff as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the  
9 Chief of Staff shall inform the Secretary of the Air Force regarding military advice rendered by  
10 members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters affecting the Department of the Air Force.

11           “(3) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Chief  
12 of Staff shall keep the Secretary of the Air Force fully informed of significant military operations  
13 affecting the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of the Air Force.

14           **“§9095. Vice Chief of Staff of the Space Force**

15           “(a) APPOINTMENT.—There is a Vice Chief of Staff of the Space Force, appointed by the  
16 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the general officers of the  
17 Space Force.

18           “(b) GRADE.—The Vice Chief of Staff of the Space Force, while so serving, has the grade  
19 of general without vacating the permanent grade of the officer so serving.

20           “(c) DUTIES.—The Vice Chief of Staff has such authority and duties with respect to the  
21 Space Force as the Chief of Staff of the Space Force, with the approval of the Secretary of the  
22 Air Force, may delegate to or prescribe for the Vice Chief of Staff. Orders issued by the Vice

1 Chief of Staff in performing such duties have the same effect as those issued by the Chief of  
2 Staff.

3 “(d) VACANCY IN OFFICE OF CHIEF OF STAFF.—When there is a vacancy in the office of  
4 Chief of Staff of the Space Force or during the absence or disability of the Chief of Staff—

5 “(1) the Vice Chief of Staff shall perform the duties of the Chief of Staff until a  
6 successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases; or

7 “(2) if there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice Chief of Staff or the Vice Chief  
8 of Staff is absent or disabled, unless the President directs otherwise, the most senior  
9 officer of the Space Force in the Space Staff who is not absent or disabled and who is not  
10 restricted in performance of duty shall perform the duties of the Chief of Staff until a  
11 successor to the Chief of Staff or the Vice Chief of Staff is appointed or until the absence  
12 or disability of the Chief of Staff or Vice Chief of Staff ceases, whichever occurs first.”.

13 **SEC. 1702. UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR SPACE.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 9015 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) in the heading, by striking “**Under Secretary**” and inserting “**Under**  
16 **Secretaries**”;

17 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “is an Under Secretary of the Air Force” and  
18 inserting “are two Under Secretaries of the Air Force”;

19 (3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following new subsections:

20 “(b)(1) One of the Under Secretaries shall be the Under Secretary of the Air Force.

21 “(2) The Under Secretary of the Air Force shall be the first assistant to the Secretary of  
22 the Air Force and shall assist the Secretary in the performance of the duties of the Secretary and

1 shall act for, and exercise the powers of, the Secretary when the Secretary dies, resigns, or is  
2 otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office.

3 “(c)(1) One of the Under Secretaries shall be the Under Secretary of the Air Force for  
4 Space, who shall also be known as the Under Secretary for Space.

5 “(2) The Under Secretary for Space shall be responsible for the overall supervision of  
6 space matters.

7 “(d) In addition to the duties and powers described in subsections (b) and (c), the Under  
8 Secretaries shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of the Air Force  
9 may prescribe.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 903 of  
12 such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 9015 and inserting the  
13 following new item:

“9015. Under Secretaries of the Air Force.”.

14 (2) SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.—Section 9013(f) of such title is amended—

15 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Under Secretary” and inserting  
16 “Under Secretaries”; and

17 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “the Under Secretary” and inserting  
18 “either Under Secretary”.

19 (3) OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.—Section 9014(b)(1) of such  
20 title is amended by striking “Under Secretary” and inserting “Under Secretaries”.

21 (4) SUCCESSOR TO DUTIES.—Section 9017 of such title is amended—

22 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (4) as paragraphs (3) through  
23 (5), respectively; and



1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

2 “(2) The Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space.”.

3 **SEC. 1703. INCLUSION OF THE SPACE FORCE ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**  
4 **AND JOINT STAFF.**

5 (a) MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE SPACE FORCE ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF  
6 STAFF.—Section 151(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following new paragraph:

9 “(7) The Chief of Staff of the Space Force.”.

10 (b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.—Section 152(b)(1)(B) of such title is amended by  
11 striking “or the Commandant of the Marine Corps” and inserting “the Commandant of the  
12 Marine Corps, or the Chief of Staff of the Space Force”.

13 (c) INCLUSION OF THE SPACE FORCE ON THE JOINT STAFF.—Section 155(a)(2)(C) of such  
14 title is amended by inserting “and the Space Force” after “the Air Force”.

15 **SEC. 1704. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SUPPORTING THE SPACE FORCE.**

16 (a) ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTER.—

17 (1) CHAPTER 947.—Chapter 947 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

18 (A) by striking the table of sections and inserting the following:

“Subchapter	Sec.
“I. General Civilian Personnel Matters	9371
“II. Space Force Civilian Personnel Matters	9375

19 **“SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MATTERS**

- “Sec.
- “9371. Air University: civilian faculty members.
- “9372. Production of supplies and munitions: hours and pay of laborers and mechanics.
- “9373. Civilian special agents of the Office of Special Investigations: authority to execute warrants and make arrests.”; and

1 (B) by redesignating sections 9375 and 9377 as sections 9372 and 9373,  
2 respectively.

3 (2) CHAPTER 949.—Chapter 949 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

4 (A) in the table of sections, by striking the item relating to section 9381  
5 and inserting the following new item:

“9391. Fatality reviews.”; and

6 (B) by redesignating section 9381 as section 9391.

7 (b) CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SUPPORTING THE SPACE FORCE.—Chapter 947 of title 10,  
8 United States Code, as amended by subsection (a) of this section, is further amended by adding  
9 at the end the following new subchapter:

10 **“SUBCHAPTER II— SPACE FORCE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MATTERS**

“Sec.

“9375. Definitions and implementation.

“9376. Space Force civilian personnel: general authority to establish excepted positions, appoint personnel, and  
fix rates of pay.

“9377. Basic pay.

“9378. Additional compensation, allowances, and incentives.

“9379. Limitation on certain payments.

“9380. Benefits for certain employees assigned outside the United States.

“9381. Space Force Senior Executive Service.

“9382. Space Force Senior Level positions.

“9383. Time-limited appointments.

“9384. Termination of Space Force employees.

“9385. Reductions and other adjustments in force.

“9386. Postemployment assistance: certain terminated Space Force employees.

“9387. Appointment of Space Force employees to competitive service positions in the Department of Defense.

“9388. Merit system principles; civil service protections; right of appeal.

11 **“§9375. Definitions and implementation**

12 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this subchapter:

13 “(1) The term ‘competitive service’ has the meaning given such term in section  
14 2102 of title 5.

15 “(2) The term ‘excepted service’ has the meaning given such term in section 2103  
16 of title 5.

1           “(3) The term ‘preference eligible’ has the meaning given such term in section  
2 2108(3) of title 5.

3           “(4) The term ‘Senior Executive Service position’ has the meaning given such  
4 term in section 3132(a)(2) of title 5.

5           “(5) The term ‘Space Force position’ means a position as a civilian employee of  
6 the Department of the Air Force supporting the Space Force or United States Space  
7 Command, as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

8           “(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Defense may implement this subchapter  
9 without regard to any provision of chapter 71 of title 5.

10 **“§9376. Space Force civilian personnel: general authority to establish excepted positions,  
11           appoint personnel, and fix rates of pay.**

12           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may—

13           “(1) establish, as positions in the excepted service, such positions in the  
14 Department of the Air Force as the Secretary of Defense determines necessary to support  
15 the Space Force, including—

16                   “(A) Space Force Senior Level positions designated under section 9382 of  
17 this title; and

18                   “(B) positions in the Space Force Senior Executive Service;

19           “(2) after taking into consideration the availability of preference eligibles for  
20 appointment to those positions (except with respect to positions referred to in  
21 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1)), appoint individuals to those positions; and

22           “(3) fix the compensation of such individuals for service in those positions.

1           “(b) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAWS—The authority of the Secretary of Defense  
2 under subsection (a) applies without regard to the provisions of any other law relating to the  
3 appointment, number, classification, or compensation of employees.

4           **“§9377. Basic pay.**

5           “(a) AUTHORITY TO FIX RATES OF BASIC PAY.—The Secretary of Defense shall fix the  
6 rates of basic pay for positions established under section 9376 of this title in relation to the rates  
7 of pay provided for comparable positions in the Department of Defense and subject to the same  
8 limitations on maximum rates of pay established for employees of the Department of Defense by  
9 law or regulation, or based upon compensation for similar positions in a labor market, as  
10 necessary to recruit and retain employees in support of the Space Force. The rate of basic pay for  
11 any position under the authority of this subchapter may not exceed the rate payable for a position  
12 at Level II of the Executive Schedule.

13           “(b) PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
14 Secretary of Defense may, consistent with section 5341 of title 5, adopt such provisions of that  
15 title as to provide for prevailing rate systems of basic pay and may apply those provisions to  
16 positions for civilian employees in or under which the Department of Defense may employ  
17 individuals described by section 5342(a)(2)(A) of that title.

18           **“§9378. Additional compensation, allowances, and incentives.**

19           “(a) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—The Secretary of Defense may provide employees in  
20 Space Force positions compensation in addition to basic pay, including benefits, incentives, and  
21 allowances, consistent with and not in excess of the level authorized for comparable positions  
22 authorized by title 5.

1           “(b) ALLOWANCES BASED ON LIVING COSTS AND ENVIRONMENT.—(1) In addition to  
2 basic pay, employees in Space Force positions who are citizens or nationals of the United States  
3 and are stationed outside the continental United States or in Alaska may be paid an allowance, in  
4 accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, while they are so stationed.

5           “(2) An allowance under this subsection shall be based on—

6                   “(A) living costs substantially higher than in the District of Columbia; or

7                   “(B) conditions of environment that—

8                           “(i) differ substantially from conditions of environment in the continental  
9 United States; and

10                           “(ii) warrant an allowance as a recruitment incentive.

11           “(3) An allowance under this subsection may not exceed the allowance authorized to be  
12 paid by section 5941(a) of title 5 for employees whose rates of basic pay are fixed by statute.

13   **“§9379. Limitation on certain payments**

14           ““No allowance, differential, bonus, award, or other similar cash payment under this title  
15 may be paid to an employee in a calendar year if, or to the extent that, when added to the total  
16 basic pay paid or payable to such employee for service performed in such calendar year, such  
17 payment would cause the total to exceed the total annual compensation payable to the Vice  
18 President under section 104 of title 3 as of the end of such calendar year.

19   **“§9380. Benefits for certain employees assigned outside the United States**

20           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may provide to civilian personnel described  
21 in subsection (c) allowances and benefits comparable to those provided by the Secretary of State  
22 to officers and employees of the Foreign Service under paragraphs (2) through (8) and (13) of

1 section 901 and sections 705 and 903 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081(2), (3),  
2 (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8), and (13), 4025, 4083) and under section 5924(4) of title 5.

3 “(b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply to civilian personnel of the Department  
4 of Defense who—

5 “(1) are United States nationals;

6 “(2) are assigned to duty outside the United States; and

7 “(3) are designated by the Secretary of Defense for the purposes of subsection (a).

8 **“§9381. Space Force Senior Executive Service**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense may establish a Space Force Senior  
10 Executive Service for Space Force positions established pursuant to section 9376(a) of this title  
11 that are equivalent to Senior Executive Service positions.

12 “(b) REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH TITLE 5 PROVISIONS.—(1) The Secretary of  
13 Defense shall prescribe regulations for the Space Force Senior Executive Service that are  
14 consistent with the requirements set forth in sections 3131, 3132(a)(2), 3396(c), 3592, 3595(a),  
15 5384, and 6304 of title 5, subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 7543 of such title (except that  
16 any hearing or appeal to which a member of the Space Force Senior Executive Service is entitled  
17 shall be held or decided pursuant to those regulations), and subchapter II of chapter 43 of such  
18 title.

19 “(2) To the extent that the Secretary determines it practicable to apply to members of, or  
20 applicants for, the Space Force Senior Executive Service other provisions of title 5 that apply to  
21 members of, or applicants for, the Senior Executive Service, the Secretary shall also prescribe  
22 regulations to implement those provisions with respect to the Space Force Senior Executive  
23 Service.

1           “(c) AWARD OF RANK TO MEMBERS OF THE SPACE FORCE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE.—  
2   The President, based on the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, may award a rank  
3   referred to in section 4507 of title 5 to a member of the Space Force Senior Executive Service.  
4   The award of such rank shall be made in a manner consistent with the provisions of that section.

5           “(d) PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS.—(1) The Space Force Senior Executive Service shall  
6   be subject to a performance appraisal system that, as designed and applied, is certified by the  
7   Secretary of Defense under section 5307 of title 5 as making meaningful distinctions based on  
8   relative performance.

9           “(2) The performance appraisal system applicable to the Space Force Senior Executive  
10   Service under paragraph (1) may be the same performance appraisal system that is established  
11   and implemented within the Department of Defense for members of the Senior Executive  
12   Service.

13   **“§9382. Space Force Senior Level positions**

14           “(a) DESIGNATION OF POSITIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may designate as a Space  
15   Force Senior Level position any Space Force position that, as determined by the Secretary—

16                   “(1) is classifiable above grade GS-15 of the General Schedule;

17                   “(2) does not satisfy functional or program management criteria for being  
18   designated a Space Force Senior Executive Service position; and

19                   “(3) has no more than minimal supervisory responsibilities.

20           “(b) REGULATIONS.—Subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with regulations  
21   prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

22           “(c) AWARD OF RANK TO EMPLOYEES IN SPACE FORCE SENIOR LEVEL POSITIONS.—The  
23   President, based on the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, may award a rank referred

1 to in section 4507a of title 5 to an employee in a Space Force Senior Level position designated  
2 under subsection (a). The award of such rank shall be made in a manner consistent with the  
3 provisions of that section.

4 **“§9383. Time-limited appointments**

5 “(a) AUTHORITY FOR TIME-LIMITED APPOINTMENTS.—The Secretary of Defense may  
6 authorize time-limited appointments to Space Force positions.

7 “(b) REVIEW OF USE OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense shall review each time-  
8 limited appointment in a Space Force position at the end of the first year of the period of the  
9 appointment and determine whether the appointment should be continued for the remainder of  
10 the period.

11 “(c) CONDITION ON PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO SPACE FORCE SENIOR EXECUTIVE  
12 SERVICE.—An employee serving in a Space Force position pursuant to a time-limited  
13 appointment is not eligible for a permanent appointment to a Space Force Senior Executive  
14 Service position (including a position in which the employee is serving) unless the employee is  
15 selected for the permanent appointment on a competitive basis.

16 “(d) TIME-LIMITED APPOINTMENT DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘time-limited  
17 appointment’ means an appointment for a period not to exceed three years.

18 **“§9384. Termination of Space Force employees**

19 “(a) TERMINATION AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
20 Secretary of Defense may terminate the employment of any employee in a Space Force position  
21 if the Secretary—

22 “(1) considers that action to be in the interests of the United States; and



1           “(2) determines that the procedures prescribed in other provisions of law that  
2 authorize the termination of the employment of such employee cannot be invoked in a  
3 manner consistent with the national security.

4           “(b) FINALITY.—A decision by the Secretary of Defense to terminate the employment of  
5 an employee under this section is final and may not be appealed or reviewed outside the  
6 Department of Defense.

7           “(c) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.--Whenever the Secretary  
8 of Defense terminates the employment of an employee under the authority of this section, the  
9 Secretary shall promptly notify the congressional defense committees of such termination.

10           “(d) PRESERVATION OF RIGHT TO SEEK OTHER EMPLOYMENT.—Any termination of  
11 employment under this section shall not affect the right of the terminated employee to seek or  
12 accept employment with any other department or agency of the United States if that employee is  
13 declared eligible for such employment by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

14           “(e) LIMITATION ON DELEGATION.--The authority of the Secretary of Defense under this  
15 section may be delegated only to the Deputy Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of the Air  
16 Force. An action to terminate employment of an employee by the Deputy Secretary of Defense  
17 or the Secretary of the Air Force may be appealed to the Secretary of Defense.

18           **“§9385. Reductions and other adjustments in force**

19           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations for the  
20 separation of employees in Space Force positions, including members of the Space Force Senior  
21 Executive Service and employees in Space Force Senior Level positions, during a reduction in  
22 force or other adjustment in force. Such regulations shall apply to such a reduction in force or  
23 other adjustment in force notwithstanding sections 3501(b) and 3502 of title 5.

1           “(b) DETERMINATIONS.—The determination of which employees shall be separated from  
2 employment in Space Force positions during a reduction in force or other adjustment in force  
3 shall be made primarily on the basis of performance.

4           “(c) REGULATIONS RELATING TO SPACE FORCE SES.—The regulations prescribed under  
5 this section relating to removal from the Space Force Senior Executive Service in a reduction in  
6 force or other adjustment in force shall be consistent with section 3595(a) of title 5.

7           **“§9386. Postemployment assistance: certain terminated Space Force employees**

8           “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary of Defense may, in  
9 the case of any individual who is a qualified former Space Force employee, use appropriated  
10 funds to—

11                   “(1) assist that individual in finding and qualifying for employment other than in a  
12 Space Force position;

13                   “(2) assist that individual in meeting the expenses of treatment of medical or  
14 psychological disabilities of that individual; and

15                   “(3) provide financial support to that individual during periods of unemployment.

16           “(b) CONDITIONS.—Assistance may be provided to a qualified former Space Force  
17 employee under subsection (a) only if the Secretary determines that such assistance is essential  
18 to—

19                   “(1) maintain the judgment and emotional stability of the qualified former Space  
20 Force employee; and

21                   “(2) avoid circumstances that might lead to the unlawful disclosure of classified  
22 information to which the qualified former Space Force employee had access.

1           “(c) DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.—Assistance may not be provided under this section in  
2 the case of any individual after the end of the five-year period beginning on the date of the  
3 termination of the employment of the individual in a Space Force position.

4           “(d) QUALIFIED FORMER SPACE FORCE EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
5 ‘qualified former Space Force employee’ means an individual who was employed in a Space  
6 Force position—

7                   “(1) who has been found to be ineligible for continued access to information  
8 designated as ‘Sensitive Compartmented Information’ and employment in the Space  
9 Force; or

10                   “(2) whose employment in a Space Force position has been terminated.

11           **“§9387. Appointment of Space Force employees to competitive service positions in the**  
12                   **Department of Defense**

13           “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense may appoint an  
14 employee serving in a Space Force position in the excepted service to a position in the  
15 Department of Defense in the competitive service without competition.

16           “(b) CONDITIONS—The Secretary may only exercise the authority under subsection (a)  
17 if—

18                   “(1) the employee concerned has served continuously for at least two years in a  
19 Space Force position that is not time-limited under an excepted appointment or has been  
20 involuntarily separated from such position without personal cause within the preceding  
21 12 months;

1           “(2) the employee concerned meets the qualification standards and requirements  
2 for the competitive service position in accordance with Office of Personnel Management  
3 standards; and

4           “(3) the employee concerned is considered for selection to competitive service  
5 positions in the same manner that other individuals are considered for appointments  
6 without competition.

7 **“§9388. Merit system principles; civil service protections; right of appeal.**

8           “(a) MERIT SYSTEM PRINCIPLES.—Section 2301 of title 5 shall apply to the exercise of  
9 authority under this subchapter (other than sections 9380 and 9386).

10           “(b) CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS.—(1) If, in the case of a position established under  
11 authority other than section 9376(a)(1) of this title that is reestablished as an excepted service  
12 position under that section, the provisions of law referred to in paragraph (2) applied to the  
13 person serving in that position immediately before the position is so reestablished and such  
14 provisions of law would not otherwise apply to the person while serving in the position as so  
15 reestablished, then such provisions of law shall, subject to paragraph (3), continue to apply to the  
16 person with respect to service in that position for as long as the person continues to serve in the  
17 position without a break in service.

18           “(2) The provisions of law referred to in paragraph (1) are the following provisions of  
19 title 5:

20           “(A) Section 2302, relating to prohibited personnel practices.

21           “(B) Chapter 75, relating to adverse actions.

1 “(3)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 75 of title 5, an appeal of an adverse  
2 action by an individual employee covered by paragraph (1) shall be determined within the  
3 Department of Defense if the employee so elects.

4 “(B) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe the procedures for initiating and  
5 determining appeals of adverse actions pursuant to elections made under subparagraph (A).

6 “(c) RIGHT OF APPEAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to provide  
7 a right of appeal regarding a personnel action under this subchapter. The appeal shall be  
8 determined within the Department of Defense. An appeal determined at the highest level  
9 provided in the regulations shall be final and not subject to review outside the Department of  
10 Defense. A personnel action covered by the regulations is not subject to any other provision of  
11 law that provides appellate rights or procedures.”.

## 12 **SEC. 1705. DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 937 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
14 the end the following new section:

### 15 **“§9287. General authority to provide Space Force decorations and awards**

16 “In addition to the decorations and awards available to all personnel of the Department of  
17 the Air Force pursuant to the other sections of this chapter, the Secretary of the Air Force may  
18 provide such awards and decorations as the Secretary considers appropriate to any person who,  
19 while serving in any capacity with the Space Force, distinguished himself or herself.”.

20 (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such  
21 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“9287. General authority to provide Space Force decorations and awards.”.

## 22 **SEC. 1706. REPEAL OF PROVISION RELATED TO AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND.**

23 (a) REPEAL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2279c of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

2 (2) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of  
3 chapter 135 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to  
4 section 2279c.

5 (b) CONTINUATION OF PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 963 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
7 inserting before section 9532 the following new section:

8 **“§9531. Procurement of commercial satellite communications services**

9 “The Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Chief Information Officer of the  
10 Department of Defense, shall be responsible for the procurement of commercial satellite  
11 communications services for the Department of Defense.”.

12 (2) APPLICABILITY.—Section 9531 of title 10, United States Code, as added by  
13 paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall apply with respect to services procured after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (3) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of  
16 chapter 963 of such title is amended by inserting before the item relating to section 9532  
17 the following new item:

“9531. Procurement of commercial satellite communications services.”.

18 **SEC. 1707. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL, PROPERTY, AND RESOURCES AND**  
19 **OTHER TRANSITION MATTERS.**

20 (a) TRANSITION PERIOD.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), for purposes of this section, the  
22 transition period is the period that ends on the date that is five years after the date of the  
23 enactment of this Act.

1           (2) EXTENSION.—The Secretary of Defense may extend the transition period  
2 described in paragraph (1) for not more than two years if the Secretary—

3                   (A) determines an extension is necessary to accomplish the initial  
4 establishment of the United States Space Force; and

5                   (B) submits to the congressional defense committees notice of the  
6 Secretary’s intent to extend the transition period.

7 (b) TRANSFER OF MILITARY MEMBERS.—

8           (1) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
9 Secretary of Defense, in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Secretary, may, during  
10 the transition period, transfer officers and enlisted members of the Armed Forces within  
11 the Department of Defense to become officers and enlisted members of the United States  
12 Space Force.

13           (2) BASIS.—A transfer under paragraph (1) may be made on a voluntary or  
14 involuntary basis.

15           (3) STATUS OF PERSONNEL.—

16                   (A) RETENTION OF GRADE AND STATUS.—Military personnel transferred to  
17 the Space Force from another Armed Force within the Department of Defense  
18 pursuant to this subsection shall retain the grade and date of obtaining such grade  
19 that the individual person had before the date of the transfer unless otherwise  
20 altered or terminated in accordance with law. For all purposes under law, the  
21 length, character, and type of service of such personnel transferred to the Space  
22 Force shall be calculated to include the same length, character, and type of service

1 in the Armed Force from which such personnel are transferred as if there was no  
2 break in service.

3 (B) RIGHTS AND BENEFITS.—No transfer under this subsection shall alter  
4 or prejudice the status of any individual so transferred, so as to deprive the  
5 individual of any right, benefit, or privilege to which the individual may be  
6 entitled under law due to the service of the individual in an Armed Force within  
7 the Department of Defense other than the Space Force.

8 (C) BONUSES.—No funds previously paid to a military member as a valid  
9 pay or bonus provided pursuant to chapter 5 of title 37, United States Code, may  
10 be recouped if a member's disqualification for the pay or bonus is solely due to a  
11 transfer under this subsection.

12 (c) TRANSFER OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.—

13 (1) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of  
14 Defense, in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Secretary, may, during the transition  
15 period—

16 (A) establish regulations to effectuate any necessary transfers of civilian  
17 personnel among the military departments and other components of the  
18 Department of Defense, and any necessary reductions or adjustments in force; and

19 (B) effectuate such transfers (on a voluntary or involuntary basis) and  
20 reductions or adjustments in force pursuant to the regulations established in  
21 subparagraph (A).

22 (2) NO REDUCTION IN PAY.—No employee transferred in accordance with this  
23 subsection shall suffer any loss of or decrease in pay as a result of that transfer.



1           (3) EFFECT OF TRANSFER.—A personnel action taken pursuant to this subsection is  
2           final and is not subject to any other provision of law that provides appellate rights or  
3           procedures for civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

4           (d) TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, OTHER PROPERTY, AND RECORDS.—  
5           Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense, in the sole and exclusive  
6           discretion of the Secretary, may, during the transition period, direct the transfer of equipment,  
7           supplies, other property not deemed to be real property, and records from a military department  
8           or other Department of Defense component to the Department of the Air Force.

9           (e) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary  
10          of Defense, in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Secretary, may, during the transition  
11          period, transfer organizations or functions within the Department of Defense to the Space Force,  
12          including civilian personnel, assets, equipment, and obligations of those organizations or  
13          functions.

14          (f) TRANSFER OF FUNDS DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.—

15                 (1) AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of  
16                 Defense, in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Secretary, may, during the transition  
17                 period—

18                         (A) transfer to the Department of the Air Force balances from  
19                         appropriations or funds currently available for obligation by the military  
20                         departments and other components of the Department of Defense from which  
21                         personnel, equipment, supplies, property, or records have been transferred  
22                         pursuant to sections (b), (c) and (d), to be used for a purpose for which the  
23                         appropriations or funds were originally available; and

1 (B) credit amounts transferred to an applicable existing or new  
2 appropriation account or fund, to be merged with and to be available for the same  
3 time period as the appropriation or fund, to which transferred.

4 (2) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—The authority under this subsection is in  
5 addition to any other transfer authority provided by law.

6 (g) MISSION ASSURANCE DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.—Notwithstanding any other  
7 provision of law, the Secretary of Defense may, during the transition period, authorize space  
8 forces, organizations, functions, personnel, installations, or facilities transferred to the  
9 Department of the Air Force to be funded, operated, or controlled by another Department of  
10 Defense component, including a military department, without compensation or reimbursement, if  
11 the Secretary determines that action is essential to maintain space mission integrity and  
12 readiness.

13 (h) EXCLUSION OF SPACE ORGANIZATIONS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND 2021  
14 HEADQUARTERS COSTS CEILINGS.—

15 (1) EXCLUSION.—The amounts expended on space organizations shall be  
16 excluded from the calculation of the amounts that may be obligated and expended on  
17 major headquarters activities pursuant to section 931 of the John S. McCain National  
18 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232) and major  
19 Department of Defense headquarters activities pursuant to section 346(b) of the National  
20 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (10 U.S.C. 111 note).

21 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the term “space organizations” means the  
22 following:

23 (A) The office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space.

1 (B) The Space Staff.

2 (i) SUSPENSION OF MANPOWER LIMITATIONS DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.—

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the transition period, members of the Armed  
4 Forces appointed, assigned, or transferred to the Space Force and civilian employees appointed,  
5 assigned, or transferred to or within the Department of the Air Force to support the Space Force  
6 shall not count against any limitation on manpower that may apply to the Department of the Air  
7 Force, including—

8 (1) sections 517, 523, 525, 526, 526a, 9014, and 9110 of title 10, United States  
9 Code;

10 (2) section 3133 of title 5, United States Code; and

11 (3) sections 501 and 1109 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
12 Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. 525 note; 5 U.S.C. 3133 note).

13 **Subtitle B—Conforming Amendments**

14 **SEC. 1711. DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE PROVISIONS IN TITLE 10, UNITED**  
15 **STATES CODE.**

16 (a) ORGANIZATION.—

17 (1) SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.—Section 9013 of title 10, United States Code,  
18 is amended—

19 (A) in subsection (f), by inserting “and Space Force” after “Officers of the  
20 Air Force”; and

21 (B) in subsection (g)(1), by inserting “and Space Force” after “members of  
22 the Air Force”.

1 (2) OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.—Section 9014 of such title is  
2 amended—

3 (A) in subsection (c)—

4 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “and the Air Staff” and inserting “,  
5 the Air Staff, and the Space Staff”;

6 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or the Space Staff” after “the  
7 Air Staff”;

8 (iii) in paragraph (3), by striking “to the Chief of Staff and to the  
9 Air Staff” and all that follows through the period and inserting “to the  
10 Chief of Staff of the Air Force and the Air Staff, and to the Chief of Staff  
11 of the Space Force and the Space Staff, and shall ensure that each such  
12 office or entity provides each Chief of Staff such staff support as the Chief  
13 of Staff concerned considers necessary to perform the Chief’s duties and  
14 responsibilities.”; and

15 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

16 (I) by inserting “and the Space Staff” after “the Air Staff”;

17 and

18 (II) by striking “Chief” and inserting “Chiefs”;

19 (B) in subsection (d)—

20 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “and the Air Staff” and inserting “,  
21 the Air Staff, and the Space Staff”;

22 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and the Space Staff” after “the  
23 Air Staff”; and

1 (iii) in paragraph (4), by striking “to the Chief of Staff of the Air  
2 Force and to the Air Staff” and all that follows through the period and  
3 inserting “to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and the Air Staff, and to  
4 the Chief of Staff of the Space Force and the Space Staff, and shall ensure  
5 that such office or entity provides each Chief of Staff such staff support as  
6 the Chief of Staff concerned considers necessary to perform the Chief’s  
7 duties and responsibilities.”; and

8 (C) in subsection (e)—

9 (i) by striking “and the Air Staff” and inserting “, the Air Staff, and  
10 the Space Staff”; and

11 (ii) by striking “to the other” and inserting “to any of the others”.

12 (3) SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE: SUCCESSORS TO DUTIES.—Section 9017(5) of  
13 such title, as redesignated by section 1702 of this Act, is amended by inserting before the  
14 period the following: “of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Space Force, in the  
15 order prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force and approved by the Secretary of  
16 Defense”.

17 (4) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—Section 9020 of such title is amended—

18 (A) in subsection (a)—

19 (i) by inserting “Department of the” after “Inspector General of  
20 the”; and

21 (ii) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “general officers of the  
22 Air Force”;

23 (B) in subsection (b)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “or the Chief  
2 of Staff” and inserting “, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or the Chief  
3 of Staff of the Space Force”;

4 (ii) in paragraph (1), by inserting “Department of the” before “Air  
5 Force”; and

6 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking “the Chief” and inserting “either  
7 Chief”; and

8 (C) in subsection (e), by inserting “or the Space Force” before “for a tour  
9 of duty”.

10 (5) THE AIR STAFF: FUNCTION; COMPOSITION.—Section 9031(b) of such title is  
11 amended—

12 (A) in each of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4), by inserting “of the Air  
13 Force” before the period; and

14 (B) in paragraph (8), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “of the Air  
15 Force”.

16 (6) CHIEF OF STAFF—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The heading of section 9033 of such title is amended  
18 by inserting “**of the Air Force**” after “**Staff**”.

19 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9033 in the table of  
20 sections at the beginning of chapter 905 of such title is amended to read as  
21 follows:

“9033. Chief of Staff of the Air Force.”.

22 (7) VICE CHIEF OF STAFF.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The heading of section 9034 of such title is amended  
2 by inserting “**of the Air Force**” after “**Staff**”.

3 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9034 in the table of  
4 sections at the beginning of chapter 905 of such title is amended to read as  
5 follows:

“9034. Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.”.

6 (8) DEPUTY CHIEFS OF STAFF AND ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF STAFF.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9035 of such title is amended—

8 (i) in the heading, by inserting “**of the Air Force**” after “**Staff**”  
9 both places it appears; and

10 (ii) in subsection (a), by inserting “of the Air Force” after “Staff”  
11 both places it appears.

12 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9035 in the table of  
13 sections at the beginning of chapter 905 of such title is amended to read as  
14 follows:

“9034. Deputy Chiefs of Staff of the Air Force and Assistant Chiefs of Staff of the Air Force.”.

15 (9) SURGEON GENERAL: APPOINTMENT; DUTIES.—Section 9036 of such title is  
16 amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief  
18 of Staff of the Air Force on all health and medical matters of the Air Force” and  
19 inserting “Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and the  
20 Chief of Staff of the Space Force on all health and medical matters of the Air  
21 Force and the Space Force”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and the Space Force” after “of the Air  
2 Force” both places it appears.

3 (10) JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

4 APPOINTMENT; DUTIES.—Section 9037 of such title is amended—

5 (A) in subsection (e)(2)(B), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “of the  
6 Air Force”; and

7 (B) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “the Secretary of the Air Force or the  
8 Chief of Staff of the Air Force” and inserting “the Secretary of the Air Force, the  
9 Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or the Chief of Staff of the Space Force”.

10 (11) CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS: APPOINTMENT; DUTIES.—Section 9039(a) of such title  
11 is amended by striking “in the Air Force” and inserting “for the Air Force and the Space  
12 Force”.

13 (12) PROVISION OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL FUNCTIONS FOR THE SPACE FORCE.—  
14 Section 9067 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

15 (A) in subsections (a) through (i), by striking “in the Air Force” each place  
16 it appears and inserting “in the Air Force and the Space Force”; and

17 (B) in subsection (i), as amended by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph,  
18 by inserting “or the Space Force” after “members of the Air Force”.

19 (13) COMMANDS: TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 909 of such title, as added by section 1701 of  
21 this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

22 **“§ 9096. Commands: territorial organization**



1           “(a) Except as otherwise prescribed by law or by the Secretary of Defense, the Space  
2 Force shall be divided into such organizations as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

3           “(b) For Space Force purposes, the United States, its possessions, and other places in  
4 which the Space Force is stationed or is operating, may be divided into such areas as directed by  
5 the Secretary. Officers of the Space Force may be assigned to command Space Force activities,  
6 installations, and personnel in those areas. In the discharge of the Space Force's functions or  
7 other functions authorized by law, officers so assigned have the duties and powers prescribed by  
8 the Secretary.”.

9                               (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of such  
10 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“9096. Commands: territorial organization.”.

11                           (14) OFFICER CAREER FIELD FOR SPACE.—Section 9084 of such title is repealed.

12           The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 907 of such title is amended by striking  
13 the item relating to such section.

14                           (15) REGULAR SPACE FORCE.—

15                           (A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 909 of such title, as added by section 1701 of  
16 this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

17 **“§ 9097. Regular Space Force: composition**

18           “(a) The Regular Space Force is the component of the Space Force that consists of  
19 persons whose continuous service on active duty in both peace and war is contemplated by law,  
20 and of retired members of the Regular Space Force.

21           “(b) The Regular Space Force includes—

22                           “(1) the officers and enlisted members of the Regular Space Force; and

23                           “(2) the retired officers and enlisted members of the Regular Space Force.”.

1 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of such  
2 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“9097. Regular Space Force: composition.”.

3 (16) TABLE OF CHAPTERS.— The table of chapters for part I of subtitle D of title 10,  
4 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

5 **“909. The Space Force 9091”.**

6 (b) PERSONNEL.—

7 (1) GENDER-FREE BASIS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ORIGINAL ENLISTMENTS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9132 of such title is amended—

9 (i) in the heading, by inserting “**and Regular Space Force**” before  
10 the colon; and

11 (ii) by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after “Regular Air  
12 Force”.

13 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9132 in the table of  
14 sections at the beginning of chapter 913 of such title is amended to read as  
15 follows:

“9132. Regular Air Force and Regular Space Force: gender-free basis for acceptance of original enlistments.”.

16 (2) REENLISTMENT AFTER SERVICE AS AN OFFICER.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9138 of such title is amended—

18 (i) in the heading, by inserting “**and Regular Space Force**” before  
19 the colon; and

20 (ii) in subsection (a)—

21 (I) by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after “Regular  
22 Air Force” both places it appears; and

1 (II) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “officer of the  
2 Air Force” both places it appears.

3 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9138 in the table of  
4 sections at the beginning of chapter 913 of such title is amended to read as  
5 follows:

“9138. Regular Air Force and Regular Space Force: reenlistment after service as an officer.”.

6 (3) APPOINTMENTS IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE AND THE REGULAR SPACE FORCE.—

7 (A) The heading of chapter 915 of such title is amended by adding “**AND**  
8 **REGULAR SPACE FORCE**” after “**AIR FORCE**”, and the item relating to  
9 such chapter in the table of chapters at the beginning of part II of subtitle D of  
10 such title is amended by inserting “**and Regular Space Force**” after “**Air Force**”.

11 (B) Section 9151 of such title is amended by inserting ‘and the Regular  
12 Space Force’ after “Regular Air Force”.

13 (C) Section 9160 of such title is amended—

14 (i) by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after “Regular Air  
15 Force”; and

16 (ii) by inserting “or the Space Force” before the period.

17 (4) RETIRED COMMISSIONED OFFICERS: STATUS.—Section 9203 of such title is  
18 amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air Force”.

19 (5) DUTIES: CHAPLAINS; ASSISTANCE REQUIRED OF COMMANDING OFFICERS.—  
20 Section 9217(a) of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
21 Force”.

1 (6) RANK: COMMISSIONED OFFICERS SERVING UNDER TEMPORARY  
2 APPOINTMENTS.—Section 9222 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force”  
3 after “the Air Force” both places it appears.

4 (7) REQUIREMENT OF EXEMPLARY CONDUCT.—Section 9233 of such title is  
5 amended by inserting “and the Space Force” after “the Air Force” each place it appears.

6 (8) ENLISTED MEMBERS: OFFICERS NOT TO USE AS SERVANTS.—Section 9239 of  
7 such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air Force” both places it  
8 appears.

9 (9) PRESENTATION OF UNITED STATES FLAG UPON RETIREMENT.—Section 9251(a)  
10 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “member of the Air  
11 Force”.

12 (10) SERVICE CREDIT: REGULAR ENLISTED MEMBERS; SERVICE AS AN OFFICER TO BE  
13 COUNTED AS ENLISTED SERVICE.—Section 9252 of such title is amended—

14 (A) by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after “Regular Air Force”;

15 and

16 (B) by inserting “in the Space Force,” after “in the Air Force,”.

17 (11) WHEN SECRETARY MAY REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION.—Section 9263 of such  
18 title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “member of the Air Force”.

19 (12) DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.—(A) Chapter 937 of such title is amended by  
20 inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air Force” each place it appears in the following  
21 provisions:

22 (i) Section 9271.

23 (ii) Section 9273.

1 (iii) Section 9281 other than the first reference in subsection (a).

2 (iv) Section 9286(a) other than the first reference.

3 (B) Section 9272 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after  
4 “with the Air Force”.

5 (C) Section 9275 of such title is amended by inserting “or space” after “separate  
6 air”.

7 (D) Section 9276 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after  
8 “with the Air Force”.

9 (E)(i) Such chapter is further amended by inserting after section 9280 the  
10 following new section:

11 **“§ 9280a. Space Force Medal: award; limitations**

12 “(a) The President may award a decoration called the "Space Force Medal", of  
13 appropriate design with accompanying ribbon, to any person who, while serving in any capacity  
14 with the Space Force, distinguishes himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict  
15 with an enemy.

16 “(b) Not more than one Space Force Medal may be awarded to a person. However, for  
17 each succeeding act that would otherwise justify award of such a medal, the President may award  
18 a suitable bar or other device to be worn as the President directs.”.

19 (ii) The table of sections at the beginning of such title is amended by inserting  
20 after the item relating to section 9280 the following new item:

“9280a. Space Force Medal: award; limitations.”.

21 (13) TWENTY YEARS OR MORE: REGULAR OR RESERVE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—  
22 Section 9311(a) of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “officer  
23 of the Air Force”.

1 (14) TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS: ENLISTED MEMBERS.—Section 9314 of such title  
2 is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “member of the Air Force”.

3 (15) THIRTY YEARS OR MORE: REGULAR ENLISTED MEMBERS.—Section 9317 of  
4 such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air Force”.

5 (16) THIRTY YEARS OR MORE: REGULAR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—Section 9318  
6 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air Force”.

7 (17) FORTY YEARS OR MORE: AIR FORCE OFFICERS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9324 of such title is amended—

9 (i) in the heading, by inserting “**and Space Force**” after “**Air**  
10 **Force**”; and

11 (ii) in subsections (a) and (b), by inserting “or the Space Force”  
12 after “Air Force”.

13 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9324 in the table of  
14 sections at the beginning of chapter 941 of such title is amended to read as  
15 follows:

“9124. Forty years or more: Air Force and Space Force officers.”.

16 (18) COMPUTATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE: VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT; ENLISTED  
17 MEMBERS.—Section 9325(a) of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force”  
18 after “Air Force”.

19 (19) COMPUTATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE: VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT; REGULAR  
20 AND RESERVE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—Section 9326(a) of such title is amended by  
21 inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air Force” both places it appears.

22 (20) COMPUTATION OF RETIRED PAY: LAW APPLICABLE.—Section 9329 of such  
23 title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air Force”.

1 (21) RETIRED GRADE.—

2 (A) Section 9341 of such title is amended—

3 (i) in subsection (a), by inserting “or the Space Force” after  
4 “regular commissioned officer of the Air Force”; and

5 (ii) in subsection (b), by inserting “or a Regular of the Space  
6 Force” after “Air Force”.

7 (B) Section 9344 of such title is amended—

8 (i) in subsection (a), by inserting “or the Space Force” after  
9 “member of the Air Force”;

10 (ii) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or the Space Force” after  
11 “Air Force”; and

12 (iii) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “or the Regular Space Force”  
13 after “Regular Air Force”.

14 (C) Section 9345 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space  
15 Force” after “member of the Air Force”.

16 (D) Section 9346 of such title is amended—

17 (i) in subsections (a) and (d), by inserting “or the Regular Space  
18 Force” after “Regular Air Force”;

19 (ii) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting before the semicolon the  
20 following: “, or for commissioned officers of the Space Force other than  
21 of the Regular Space Force”; and

22 (iii) in subsections (b)(2) and (c), by inserting “or the Space Force”  
23 after “Air Force”.

1 (22) RECOMPUTATION OF RETIRED PAY TO REFLECT ADVANCEMENT ON RETIRED  
2 LIST.—Section 9362(a) of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after  
3 “Air Force”.

4 (23) FATALITY REVIEWS.—Section 9391(a) of such title, as redesignated by  
5 section 1704(a)(2) of this title, is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air  
6 Force” in each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3).

7 (c) TRAINING.—

8 (1) MEMBERS OF AIR FORCE: DETAIL AS STUDENTS, OBSERVERS, AND  
9 INVESTIGATORS AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, AND HOSPITALS.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9401 of title 10, United States Code, is  
11 amended—

12 (i) in the heading, by inserting “**and Space Force**” after “**Air**  
13 **Force**”;

14 (ii) in subsection (a), by inserting “and the Space Force” after  
15 “members of the Air Force”;

16 (iii) in subsection (b), by inserting “or the Regular Space Force”  
17 after “Regular Air Force”;

18 (iv) in subsection (e), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air  
19 Force”; and

20 (v) in subsection (f)—

21 (I) by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after “Regular  
22 Air Force”; and

23 (II) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air Force”.



1 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9401 in the table of  
2 sections at the beginning of chapter 951 of such title is amended to read as  
3 follows:

“9401. Members of Air Force and Space Force: detail as students, observers, and investigators at educational institutions, industrial plants, and hospitals.”.

4 (2) ENLISTED MEMBERS OF AIR FORCE: SCHOOLS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9402 of such title is amended—

6 (i) in the heading, by inserting “**or Space Force**” after “**Air**  
7 **Force**”;

8 (ii) in subsection (a)—

9 (I) in the first sentence, by inserting “and the Space Force”  
10 after “members of the Air Force”; and

11 (II) in the third sentence, by inserting “and Space Force  
12 officers” after “Air Force officers”; and

13 (iii) in subsection (b), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air  
14 Force” each place it appears.

15 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9402 in the table of  
16 sections at the beginning of chapter 951 of such title is amended to read as  
17 follows:

“9402. Enlisted members of Air Force or Space Force: schools.”.

18 (3) AVIATION STUDENTS: DETAIL OF ENLISTED MEMBERS OF AIR FORCE.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9404 of such title is amended—

20 (i) in the heading, by inserting “**or Space Force**” after “**Air**  
21 **Force**”; and

1 (ii) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Regulars of the Air  
2 Force”.

3 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9404 in the table of  
4 sections at the beginning of chapter 951 of such title is amended to read as  
5 follows:

“9402. Aviation students: detail of enlisted members of Air Force or Space Force.”.

6 (4) SERVICE SCHOOLS: LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR INSTRUCTORS.—Section 9406 of  
7 such title is amended by inserting “or Space Force” after “Air Force”.

8 (5) DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF  
9 TECHNOLOGY.—Section 9414(d)(1) of such title is amended by inserting “and the Space  
10 Force” after “needs of the Air Force”.

11 (6) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: ADMINISTRATION.—  
12 Section 9414b(a)(2) is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air Force”  
13 each place it appears.

14 (7) COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE: ASSOCIATE DEGREES.—Section 9415  
15 of such title is amended—

16 (A) in subsection (a) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “in  
17 the Air Force” and inserting “in the Department of the Air Force”;

18 (B) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air  
19 Force”; and

20 (C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “other than” and all that follows  
21 through “schools” and inserting “other than the Air Force or the Space Force who  
22 are serving as instructors at Department of the Air Force training schools”.

1 (8) AIR FORCE ACADEMY ESTABLISHMENT; SUPERINTENDENT; FACULTY.—Section  
2 9431(a) of such title is amended by striking “Air Force cadets” and inserting “cadets”.

3 (9) AIR FORCE ACADEMY SUPERINTENDENT; FACULTY: APPOINTMENT AND  
4 DETAIL.—Section 9433(a) of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after  
5 “Air Force”.

6 (10) AIR FORCE ACADEMY PERMANENT PROFESSORS; DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS.—  
7 Section 9436 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after  
8 “Regular Air Force” each place it appears.

9 (11) CADETS: APPOINTMENT; NUMBERS, TERRITORIAL DISTRIBUTION.—Section  
10 9442 of such title is amended—

11 (A) by striking “Air Force Cadets” each place it appears and inserting  
12 “cadets”; and

13 (B) in subsection (b)—

14 (i) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after  
15 “Regular Air Force”; and

16 (ii) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air  
17 Force.

18 (12) CADETS: AGREEMENT TO SERVE AS OFFICER.—Section 9448(a)(2)(A) of such  
19 title is amended by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after “Regular Air Force”.

20 (13) CADETS: ORGANIZATION; SERVICE; INSTRUCTION.—Section 9449 of such title  
21 is amended by striking subsection (d).

22 (14) CADETS: HAZING.—Section 9452(c) of such title is amended—

23 (A) by striking “Air Force cadet” and inserting “cadet”; and

1 (B) by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine Corps, or Space  
2 Force”.

3 (15) CADETS: DEGREE AND COMMISSION ON GRADUATION.—Section 9453(b) of  
4 such title is amended by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after “Regular Air  
5 Force”.

6 (16) SUPPORT OF ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.—Section 9462(c)(2) of such title is  
7 amended by striking “personnel of the Air Force” and inserting “personnel of the  
8 Department of the Air Force”.

9 (17) SCHOOLS AND CAMPS: ESTABLISHMENT: PURPOSE.—Section 9481 of such title  
10 is amended by inserting “, the Space Force,” after “members of the Air Force,”.

11 (18) SCHOOLS AND CAMPS: OPERATION.—Section 9482 of such title is amended—

12 (A) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or the Regular Space Force” after  
13 “Regular Air Force”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (7) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by  
15 inserting “or Space Force” after “Air Force”.

16 (d) SERVICE, SUPPLY, AND PROCUREMENT.—

17 (1) EQUIPMENT: BAKERIES, SCHOOLS, KITCHENS, AND MESS HALLS.—Section 9536  
18 of title 10, United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by  
19 inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air Force”.

20 (2) RATION.—Section 9561 of such title is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (a)—

22 (i) in the first sentence, by inserting “and the Space Force ration”  
23 after “the Air Force ration”; and

1 (ii) in the second sentence, by inserting “or the Space Force” after  
2 “the Air Force”; and

3 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
4 Force”.

5 (3) CLOTHING.—Section 9562 of such title is amended by inserting “and the  
6 Space Force” after “the Air Force”.

7 (4) CLOTHING: REPLACEMENT WHEN DESTROYED TO PREVENT CONTAGION.—  
8 Section 9563 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “member of  
9 the Air Force”.

10 (5) COLORS, STANDARDS, AND GUIDONS OF DEMOBILIZED ORGANIZATIONS:  
11 DISPOSITION.—Section 9565 of such title is amended—

12 (A) in subsection (a) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting  
13 “or the Space Force” after “organizations of the Air Force”; and

14 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
15 Force”.

16 (6) UTILITIES: PROCEEDS FROM OVERSEAS OPERATIONS.—Section 9591 of such  
17 title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air Force”.

18 (7) QUARTERS: HEAT AND LIGHT.—Section 9593 of such title is amended by  
19 inserting “and the Space Force” after “the Air Force”.

20 (8) AIR FORCE MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE: FEE FOR PROVIDING HISTORICAL  
21 INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9594 of such title is amended—

1 (i) in the heading, by inserting “**Department of the**” before “**Air**  
2 **Force**”;

3 (ii) in subsections (a) and (d), by inserting “Department of the”  
4 before “Air Force Military History” each place it appears; and

5 (iii) in subsection (e)(1)—

6 (I) by inserting “Department of the” before “Air Force  
7 Military History”; and

8  
9 (II) by inserting “and the Space Force” after “materials of  
10 the Air Force”.

11 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9594 in the table of  
12 sections at the beginning of chapter 9657 of such title is amended to read as  
13 follows:

“9594. Department of the Air Force Military History Institute: fee for providing historical information to the public.”.

14 (9) SUBSISTENCE AND OTHER SUPPLIES: MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES; VETERANS;  
15 EXECUTIVE OR MILITARY DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES; PRICES.—Section 9621 of such  
16 title is amended—

17 (A) in subsection (a)—

18 (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the Space Force” after “the  
19 Air Force”; and

20 (ii) in paragraph (2) , by inserting “and the Space Force” after “the  
21 Air Force”;

1 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
2 Force”;

3 (C) in subsection (c), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
4 Force”;

5 (D) in subsection (d), by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine  
6 Corps, or Space Force”;

7 (E) in subsection (e), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
8 Force” each place it appears;

9 (F) in subsection (f), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
10 Force”; and

11 (G) in subsection (h), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
12 Force” each place it appears.

13 (10) RATIIONS: COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN FIELD.—Section 9622 of such title is  
14 amended by inserting “and the Space Force” after “officers of the Air Force”.

15 (11) MEDICAL SUPPLIES: CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE AIR FORCE.—Section  
16 9624(a) of such title is amended—

17 (A) by striking “air base” and inserting “Air Force or Space Force military  
18 installation”; and

19 (B) by striking “Air Force when” and inserting “Department of the Air  
20 Force when”.

21 (12) ORDNANCE PROPERTY: OFFICERS OF ARMED FORCES; CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF  
22 AIR FORCE.—Section 9625 of such title is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “officers of  
2 the Air Force”; and

3 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “Air Force” and inserting “Department of  
4 the Air Force”.

5 (13) SUPPLIES: EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Section 9627 of such title is  
6 amended—

7 (A) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “for the Air Force”;

8 (B) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “officer of the Air Force”; and

9 (C) by inserting “and space” after “professor of air”

10 (14) AIRPLANE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES: CIVILIAN FLYING SCHOOLS.—Section  
11 9628 of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “airplanes of the Air  
12 Force”.

13 (15) SUPPLIES: MILITARY INSTRUCTION CAMPS.—Section 9654 of such title is  
14 amended by inserting “or Space Force” after “an Air Force”.

15 (16) DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS OF DECEASED PERSONS BY SUMMARY COURT-  
16 MARTIAL.—Section 9712(a) of such title is amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
18 Force”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or Space Force” after “Air Force”.

20 (17) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS: LAND FOR MOBILIZATION, TRAINING, SUPPLY  
21 BASE, OR AVIATION FIELD.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9771 of such title is amended—



1 (i) in the heading, by striking “**or aviation field**” and inserting  
2 “**aviation field, or space-related facility**”; and

3 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or space-related facility” after  
4 “aviation field”.

5 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9771 in the table of  
6 sections at the beginning of chapter 979 of such title is amended to read as  
7 follows:

“9771. Acceptance of donations: land for mobilization, training, supply base, aviation field, or space-related facility.”.

8 (18) ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION: AIR BASES AND DEPOTS.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 9773 of such title is amended—

10 (i) in subsection (a)—

11 (I) by striking “permanent air bases” and inserting

12 “permanent Air Force and Space Force military installations”;

13 (II) by striking “existing air bases” and inserting “existing  
14 installations”; and

15 (III) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “training of the  
16 Air Force”;

17 (ii) in the heading and in subsections (b) and (c), by striking “air  
18 bases” each place it appears and inserting “installations”; and

19 (iii) in subsection (c)—

20 (I) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or Space Force” after  
21 “Air Force”; and

1 (II) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by inserting “or the Space  
2 Force” after “Air Force” both places it appears.

3 (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The item relating to section 9773 in the table of  
4 sections at the beginning of chapter 979 of such title is amended to read as  
5 follows:

“9773. Acquisition and construction: installations and depots.”.

6 (19) EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION: FORTIFICATIONS.—Section 9776 of such title is  
7 amended by striking “air base” and inserting “installation”.

8 (20) USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.—Section 9779(a) of such title is amended by  
9 inserting “or the Space Force” after “economy of the Air Force”.

10 (21) DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY AT MISSILE SITES.—Section 9781(a)(2) of  
11 such title is amended—

12 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Air Force” and  
13 inserting “Department of the Air Force”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Air Force” the first two places it  
15 appears and inserting “Department of the Air Force”; and

16 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Air Force” and inserting  
17 “Department of the Air Force”.

18 (22) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF REAL PROPERTY.—Section 9782 of such title is  
19 amended in subsections (c) and (d) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “the Air  
20 Force” both places it appears.

21 (23) SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS: REMISSION OR CANCELLATION OF INDEBTEDNESS  
22 OF MEMBERS.—Section 9837(a) of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space  
23 Force” after “member of the Air Force”.

1 (24) FINAL SETTLEMENT OF OFFICER’S ACCOUNTS.—Section 9840 of such title is  
2 amended by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air Force”.

3 (25) PAYMENT OF SMALL AMOUNTS TO PUBLIC CREDITORS.—Section 9841 of such  
4 title is amended by inserting “or Space Force” after “official of Air Force”.

5 (26) SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF LINE OFFICERS.—Section 9842 of such title is  
6 amended—

7 (A) by inserting “or the Space Force” after “Air Force”; and

8 (B) by striking “Comptroller General” both places it appears and inserting  
9 “Secretary of the Air Force”.

10 **SEC. 1712. OTHER PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.**

11 (a) TABLE OF SUBTITLES.—The table of subtitles at the beginning of title 10, United  
12 States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to subtitle D and inserting the following  
13 new item:

“D. Air Force and Space Force 9011”.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 of such title is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in paragraph (4), by inserting “Space Force,” after “Marine Corps,”;

17 and

18 (B) in paragraph (9)(C), by inserting “and the Space Force” after

19 “concerning the Air Force”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine  
22 Corps, or Space Force”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (13), by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting  
2 “Marine Corps, or Space Force”.

3 (c) OTHER PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE A.—

4 (1) SPACE FORCE I.—Subtitle A of such title is further amended by striking “and  
5 Marine Corps” each place it appears and inserting “Marine Corps, and Space Force” in  
6 the following provisions:

7 (A) Section 116(a)(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A).

8 (B) Section 533(a)(2).

9 (C) The item relating to section 632 in the table of sections at the  
10 beginning of subchapter III of chapter 36.

11 (D) The heading of section 632.

12 (E) Section 645(1)(A).

13 (F) Section 646.

14 (G) Section 661(a).

15 (H) Section 712(a).

16 (I) Section 717(c)(1).

17 (J) Section 741 (including the table in subsection (a)).

18 (K) Section 1111(b)(4).

19 (L) Subsections (a)(2)(A) and (c)(2)(A)(ii) of section 1143.

20 (M) Section 1174(j).

21 (N) Subparagraphs (F) and (G) of section 1370(a)(2).

22 (O) Section 1463(a).

23 (P) Section 1566.

1 (Q) Section 2217(c).

2 (R) Section 2259(a).

3 (S) Section 2640(j).

4 (2) SPACE FORCE II.—Such subtitle is further amended by striking “Marine  
5 Corps,” each place it appears and inserting “Marine Corps, Space Force,” in the  
6 following provisions:

7 (A) Section 123(a).

8 (B) Section 172(a).

9 (C) Section 518.

10 (D) The item relating to section 747 in the table of sections at the  
11 beginning of chapter 43.

12 (E) Section 747 (including the heading).

13 (F) Section 749.

14 (G) Section 1552(c).

15 (H) Section 2632(c).

16 (I) Section 2686(a).

17 (J) Section 2733(a).

18 (3) SPACE FORCE III.—Such subtitle is further amended by striking “or Marine  
19 Corps” each place it appears and inserting “Marine Corps, or Space Force” in the  
20 following provisions:

21 (A) Section 125(b).

22 (B) Section 275.

- 1 (C) Subsection (b)(2) and the first place it appears in subsection (e) of  
2 section 533.
- 3 (D) Section 541(a).
- 4 (E) Section 601(a).
- 5 (F) Section 603(a).
- 6 (G) Section 605.
- 7 (H) Section 611(a).
- 8 (I) Section 619(a).
- 9 (J) Section 619a(a).
- 10 (K) Section 623(c).
- 11 (L) Section 625(b).
- 12 (M) Section 631.
- 13 (N) Section 632(a).
- 14 (O) Section 637(a)(2).
- 15 (P) Section 638(a).
- 16 (Q) Section 741.
- 17 (R) Section 771.
- 18 (S) Section 772.
- 19 (T) Section 773.
- 20 (U) Section 1123.
- 21 (V) Section 1143(d).
- 22 (W) Section 1174(a)(2).
- 23 (X) Section 1251(a).

- 1 (Y) Section 1252(a).
- 2 (Z) Section 1253(a).
- 3 (AA) Paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) of section 1370(a).
- 4 (BB) Section 1375.
- 5 (CC) Section 1413a(h).
- 6 (DD) Section 1551.
- 7 (EE) Section 1561(a).
- 8 (FF) Section 1733(b)(1)(A)(ii).
- 9 (GG) Section 2102(a).
- 10 (HH) Section 2103a(a).
- 11 (II) Section 2104.
- 12 (JJ) Section 2107.
- 13 (KK) Section 2421.
- 14 (LL) Section 2631(a).
- 15 (MM) Section 2787(a).

16 (4) REGULAR SPACE FORCE I.—Such subtitle is further amended by striking “or  
17 Regular Marine Corps” each place it appears and inserting “Regular Marine Corps, or  
18 Regular Space Force” in the following provisions:

- 19 (A) Section 531(c).
- 20 (B) Section 532(a) in the matter preceding paragraph (1).
- 21 (C) Subsections (a)(1), (b)(1), and (f) of section 533.
- 22 (D) Section 633(a).
- 23 (E) Section 634(a).

1 (F) Section 635.

2 (G) Section 636(a).

3 (H) Section 647(c).

4 (I) Section 688(b)(1).

5 (J) Section 1181.

6 (5) REGULAR SPACE FORCE II.—Such subtitle is further amended by striking  
7 “Regular Marine Corps,” each place it appears and inserting “Regular Marine Corps,  
8 Regular Space Force,” in the following provisions:

9 (A) Section 505.

10 (B) Section 506.

11 (C) Section 508.

12 (6) ARMED FORCES POLICY COUNCIL.—Section 171 of such title is amended—

13 (A) in paragraph (12), by striking “and”;

14 (B) in paragraph (13), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

16 “(14) the Chief of Staff of the Space Force.”.

17 (7) JOINT REQUIREMENTS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL.—Section 181(c)(1) of such title is  
18 amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

19 “(F) A Space Force officer in the grade of general.”.

20 (8) UNFUNDED PRIORITIES.—Section 222a(b) of such title is amended—

21 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

22 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

23 “(5) The Chief of Staff of the Space Force.”.



1 (9) THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION EXPENSES.—Section 312(b)(3) of such title  
2 is amended by inserting “the Chief of Staff of the Space Force,” after “the Commandant  
3 of the Marine Corps,”.

4 (10) WESTERN HEMISPHERE INSTITUTE.—Section 343(e)(1)(E) of such title is  
5 amended by inserting “or Space Force” after “for the Air Force”.

6 (11) ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—Section 531(a) of  
7 such title is amended by striking “and Regular Marine Corps” each place it appears and  
8 inserting “Regular Marine Corps, and Regular Space Force”.

9 (12) SERVICE CREDIT.—Section 533(e) of such title is further amended by striking  
10 “Air Force or Marine Corps” and inserting “Air Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force”.

11 (13) SENIOR MEMBERS OF MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE OF UNITED NATIONS.—  
12 Section 711 of such title is amended by inserting “or Space Force” after “Air Force”.

13 (14) RANK: CHIEF OF STAFF.—Chapter 43 of such title is amended—

14 (A) in the table of sections at the beginning by striking the item relating to  
15 section 743 and inserting the following new item:

“743. Rank: Chief of Staff of the Army; Chief of Naval Operations; Chief of Staff of the Air  
Force; Commandant of the Marine Corps; Chief of Staff of the Space Force.”; and

16 (B) in section 743—

17 (i) in the heading, by inserting “; **Chief of Staff of the Space**  
18 **Force**” after “**Commandant of the Marine Corps**”;

19 (ii) by striking “and the Commandant of the Marine Corps” and  
20 inserting “the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of Staff of  
21 the Space Force”; and

1 (iii) by striking “and Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine Corps,  
2 and Space Force”.

3 (15) UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.—Chapter 47 of such title (Uniform  
4 Code of Military Justice) is amended—

5 (A) in section 822(a) (article 22)—

6 (i) in paragraph (5), by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting  
7 “Marine Corps, or Space Force”; and

8 (ii) in paragraph (7), by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “,  
9 Marine Corps, or Space Force”;

10 (B) in section 823(a) (article 23)—

11 (i) in paragraph (2)—

12 (I) by striking “Air Force base” and inserting “Air Force or  
13 Space Force military installation”; and

14 (II) by striking “or the Air Force” and inserting “the Air  
15 Force, or the Space Force”; and

16 (ii) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or a corresponding unit of the  
17 Space Force” after “Air Force”; and

18 (C) in section 824(a)(3) (article 24), by inserting “or a corresponding unit  
19 of the Space Force” after “Air Force”.

20 (16) SERVICE AS CADET OR MIDSHIPMAN NOT COUNTED FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE.—

21 Section 971(b)(2) of such title is amended by striking “or Air Force” and inserting “, Air  
22 Force, or Space Force”.

1 (17) REFERRAL BONUS.—Section 1030(h)(3) of such title is amended by inserting  
2 “and the Space Force” after “concerning the Air Force”.

3 (18) RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY FROM TEMPORARY DISABILITY.—Section 1211(a) of  
4 such title is amended—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “or the Air Force”  
6 and inserting “, the Air Force, or the Space Force”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (6)—

8 (i) by striking “or the Air Force, who” and inserting “the Air Force,  
9 or the Space Force who”; and

10 (ii) by striking “or the Air Force, as” and inserting “the Air Force,  
11 or the Space Force, as”.

12 (19) YEARS OF SERVICE.—Section 1405(c) of such title is amended by striking “or  
13 Air Force” and inserting “, Air Force, or Space Force”.

14 (20) RETIRED PAY BASE FOR PERSONS WHO BECAME MEMBERS BEFORE SEPTEMBER  
15 8, 1980.—Section 1406 of such title is amended—

16 (A) in the heading of subsection (e), by inserting “AND SPACE FORCE”  
17 after “AIR FORCE”; and

18 (B) in subsection (i)(3)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

20 (I) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vi); and

21 (II) by inserting after clause (iv) the following new clause:

22 “(v) Chief of Staff of the Space Force.”; and

23 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (I) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vi); and

2 (II) by inserting after clause (iv) the following new clause:

3 “(v) Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force.”.

4 (21) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ACQUISITION FIELD.—

5 Section 1722a(a) of such title is amended by striking “and the Commandant of the

6 Marine Corps (with respect to the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps,

7 respectively)” and inserting “, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of

8 Staff of the Space Force (with respect to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and

9 Space Force, respectively)”.

10 (22) SENIOR MILITARY ACQUISITION ADVISORS.—Section 1725(e)(1)(C) of such

11 title is amended by inserting “and Space Force” before the period.

12 (23) MILITARY FAMILY READINESS COUNCIL.—Section 1781a(b)(1) of such title

13 is amended by striking “Marine Corps, and Air Force” each place it appears and inserting

14 “Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force”.

15 (24) ACQUISITION-RELATED FUNCTIONS OF CHIEFS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

16 Section 2547(a) of such title is amended by striking “and the Commandant of the Marine

17 Corps” and inserting “the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Chief of Staff of the

18 Space Force”.

19 (25) AGREEMENTS RELATED TO MILITARY TRAINING, TESTING, AND

20 OPERATIONS—Section 2684a(i) of such title is amended by inserting “Space Force,”

21 before “or Defense-wide activities” each place it appears.

22 (d) PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE B.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of such title is amended by striking “or Marine  
2 Corps” each place it appears and inserting “Marine Corps, or Space Force” in the  
3 following provisions:

4 (A) Section 7452(c).

5 (B) Section 7621(d).

6 (2) COMPUTATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE.—Section 7326(a)(1) of such title is  
7 amended by striking “or the Air Force” and inserting “, the Air Force, or the Space  
8 Force”.

9 (e) PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE C.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of such title is amended by striking “or Marine  
11 Corps” each place it appears and inserting “Marine Corps, or Space Force” in the  
12 following provisions:

13 (A) Section 8464(f).

14 (B) Section 8806(d).

15 (2) SALES PRICES.—Chapter 879 of such title is amended—

16 (A) in the table of sections at the beginning by striking the item relating to  
17 section 8802 and inserting the following:

“8802. Sales: members of Army, Air Force, and Space Force; prices.”; and

18 (B) in section 8802—

19 (i) in the heading, by striking “**and Air Force**” and inserting “, **Air**  
20 **Force, and Space Force**”; and

21 (ii) by striking “or the Air Force” and inserting “, the Air Force, or  
22 the Space Force”.

1 (3) SALES TO CERTAIN VETERANS.—Section 8803 of such title is amended by  
2 striking “or the Marine Corps” and inserting “the Marine Corps, or the Space Force”.

3 (4) SCOPE OF CHAPTER ON PRIZE.—Section 8851 of such title is amended by  
4 striking “or the Air Force” and inserting “, the Air Force, or the Space Force”.

5 **SEC. 1713. TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.**

6 (a) ARMED FORCES DEFINITION.—Section 2101(2) of title 5, United States Code, is  
7 amended by inserting after “Marine Corps,” the following: “Space Force,”.

8 (b) POSITION AT LEVEL III.—Section 5314 of such title is amended by striking “Under  
9 Secretary of the Air Force” and inserting “Under Secretaries of the Air Force.”.

10 **SEC. 1714. TITLE 14, UNITED STATES CODE.**

11 (a) VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT.—Section 291 of title 14, United States Code, is amended  
12 by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine Corps, or Space Force”.

13 (b) COMPUTATION OF LENGTH OF SERVICE.—Section 467 of such title is amended by  
14 inserting after “Air Force,” the following: “Space Force,”.

15 **SEC. 1715. TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.**

16 (a) POSSE COMITATUS.—Section 1385 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
17 striking “or the Air Force” and inserting “, the Air Force, or the Space Force”.

18 (b) FIREARMS AS NONMAILABLE.—Section 1715 of such title is amended by inserting  
19 “Space Force,” after “Marine Corps,”.

20 **SEC. 1716. TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE.**

21 (a) DEFINITIONS RELATING TO CLAIMS.—Section 3701(a)(7) of title 31, United States  
22 Code, is amended by inserting “Space Force,” after “Marine Corps,”.

1 (b) COLLECTION AND COMPROMISE.—Section 3711(f) of such title is amended in  
2 paragraphs (1) and (3) by inserting “Space Force,” after “Marine Corps,” each place it appears.

3 **SEC. 1717. TITLE 37, UNITED STATES CODE.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by inserting “Space Force,” after “Marine Corps,”  
6 each place it appears; and

7 (2) in paragraph (5)(C), by inserting “and the Space Force” after “Air Force”.

8 (b) BASIC PAY RATES.—

9 (1) COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—Footnote 2 of the table titled “COMMISSIONED  
10 OFFICERS” in section 601(c) of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for  
11 Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364; 37 U.S.C. 1009 note) is amended by inserting  
12 after “*Commandant of the Marine Corps*,” the following: “*Chief of Staff of the Space*  
13 *Force*,”.

14 (2) ENLISTED MEMBERS.— Footnote 2 of the table titled “ENLISTED MEMBERS” in  
15 section 601(c) of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
16 2007 (Public Law 109-364; 37 U.S.C. 1009 note) is amended by inserting after “*Sergeant*  
17 *Major of the Marine Corps*,” the following: “*Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force*,”.

18 (c) PAY GRADES: ASSIGNMENT TO; GENERAL RULES.—The table in section 201(a) of title  
19 37, United States Code, is amended by striking “and Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine  
20 Corps, and Space Force” in the heading for the second column.

21 (d) PAY OF SENIOR ENLISTED MEMBERS.—Section 210(c) of such title is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

23 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph (5):

1 “(5) The Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force.”.

2 (e) ALLOWANCES OTHER THAN TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES.—

3 (1) PERSONAL MONEY ALLOWANCE.—Section 414 of such title is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (a)(5), by inserting “Chief of Staff of the Space Force,”  
5 after “Commandant of the Marines Corps,”; and

6 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting “the Chief Master Sergeant of the Space  
7 Force,” after “the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps,”.

8 (2) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE: ENLISTED MEMBERS.—Section 418(d) of such title is  
9 amended—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “Space Force,” after “Air Force,”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “the Space Force,” after “the Air  
12 Force,”.

13 (f) TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES: PARKING EXPENSES.—Section 481i(b)  
14 of such title is amended by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine Corps, or Space  
15 Force”.

16 (g) LEAVE.—

17 (1) ADDITION OF SPACE FORCE.—Chapter 9 of such title is amended by inserting  
18 “Space Force,” after “Marines Corps,” each place it appears in the following provisions:

19 (A) Subsections (b)(1) and (e)(1) of section 501.

20 (B) Section 502(a).

21 (C) Section 503(a).



1           (2) ADDITION OF REGULAR SPACE FORCE.—Section 501(b)(5)(C) of such title is  
2 amended by striking “or Regular Marine Corps” and inserting “Regular Marine Corps, or  
3 Regular Space Force”.

4           (h) CONTRACT SURGEONS.—Subsections (a), (c), and (d) of section 701 of such title are  
5 each amended by inserting “Space Force,” after “Air Force,”.

6           (i) FORFEITURE OF PAY—Chapter 15 of such title is amended—

7               (1) in section 802, by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine Corps, or  
8 Space Force”; and

9               (2) in section 803, by striking “or the Air Force” and inserting “the Air Force, or  
10 the Space Force”.

11           (j) EFFECT ON PAY OF EXTENSION OF ENLISTMENT.—Section 906 of such title is amended  
12 by inserting “Space Force,” after “Marine Corps,”.

13           (k) ADMINISTRATION OF PAY.—Chapter 19 of such title is amended—

14               (1) in section 1005, by striking “and of the Air Force” and inserting “the Air  
15 Force, and the Space Force”; and

16               (2) in section 1007—

17                   (A) in subsections (b), (d), (f), and (g), by striking “or the Air Force” and  
18 inserting “, the Air Force, or the Space Force”; and

19                   (B) in subsection (e), by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine  
20 Corps, or Space Force”.

21 **SEC. 1718. TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.**

1 (a) REFERENCES TO MILITARY, NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE AMENDED TO ADD SPACE  
2 SERVICE.—Title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “or air service” and  
3 inserting “air, or space service” each place it appears in the following provisions:

4 (1) Paragraphs (2), (5), (12), (16), (17), (18), and (24) of section 101.

5 (2) Section 105.

6 (3) Section 106.

7 (4) Section 1101.

8 (5) Section 1103.

9 (6) Section 1110.

10 (7) Section 1112.

11 (8) Section 1113.

12 (9) Section 1131.

13 (10) Section 1132.

14 (11) Section 1133.

15 (12) Section 1137.

16 (13) Section 1141.

17 (14) Section 1153.

18 (15) Section 1154.

19 (16) Section 1301.

20 (17) Section 1302.

21 (18) Section 1310.

22 (19) Section 1521(j).

23 (20) Section 1541(h).

- 1 (21) Section 1703.
- 2 (22) Section 1710(a)(2)(B).
- 3 (23) Section 1712.
- 4 (24) Section 1712A.
- 5 (25) Section 1717.
- 6 (26) Section 1720A.
- 7 (27) Section 1720D.
- 8 (28) Section 1720E(a).
- 9 (29) Section 1720G.
- 10 (30) Section 1720I.
- 11 (31) Section 1781.
- 12 (32) Section 1783.
- 13 (33) Section 1922.
- 14 (34) Section 2002.
- 15 (35) Section 2101A.
- 16 (36) Section 2301.
- 17 (37) Section 2302.
- 18 (38) Section 2303.
- 19 (39) Section 2306.
- 20 (40) Section 2402(a)(1).
- 21 (41) Section 3018B.
- 22 (42) Section 3102.
- 23 (43) Section 3103.

1 (44) Section 3113.

2 (45) Section 3501.

3 (46) Section 3512.

4 (47) Section 3679.

5 (48) Section 3701.

6 (49) Section 3712.

7 (50) Section 3729.

8 (51) Section 3901.

9 (52) Section 5103A.

10 (53) Section 5110.

11 (54) Section 5111.

12 (55) Section 5113.

13 (56) Section 5303.

14 (57) Section 6104.

15 (58) Section 6105.

16 (59) Section 6301.

17 (60) Section 6303.

18 (61) Section 6304.

19 (62) Section 8301.

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—

21 (1) ARMED FORCES.—Paragraph (10) of section 101 of such title is amended by

22 inserting “Space Force,” after “Air Force,”.

1 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—Paragraph (25)(C) of such section is amended by  
2 inserting “or the Space Force” before the semicolon.

3 (3) FORMER PRISONER OF WAR.—Paragraph (32) of such section is amended by  
4 striking “naval or air service” and inserting “naval, air, or space service”.

5 (c) PLACEMENT OF EMPLOYEES IN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—Section 701 of such title is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “and Air Force” and inserting “Air Force, and Space Force”; and

8 (2) by striking “or air service” and inserting “air, or space service”.

9 (d) SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO PENSION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1562(a) of such title is amended by inserting “Space  
11 Force,” after “Air Force,” both places it appears.

12 (2) SUBCHAPTER HEADING.—The heading of subchapter IV of chapter 15 of such  
13 title is amended by inserting “**SPACE FORCE,**” after “**AIR FORCE,**”, and the item  
14 relating to such subchapter in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 15 of such  
15 title is amended by inserting “SPACE FORCE,” after “AIR FORCE,”.

16 (e) PREMIUM PAYMENTS.—Section 1908 of such title is amended by inserting “Space  
17 Force” after “Marine Corps,”.

18 (f) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—Section 3020(l)(3) of such title is amended by inserting  
19 “or the Space Force” before the semicolon.

20 (g) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3301(2)(C) of such title is amended by inserting “or the Space  
21 Force” after “Air Force”.

1 (h) PROVISION OF CREDIT PROTECTION AND OTHER SERVICES.—Section 5724(c)(2) of  
2 such title is amended by striking “or Marine Corps” and inserting “Marine Corps, or Space  
3 Force”.

4 **SEC. 1719. TITLE 41, UNITED STATES CODE.**

5 Section 6309 of title 41, United States Code, is amended by inserting “Space Force,”  
6 after “Marine Corps,”.

7 **SEC. 1720. TITLE 51, UNITED STATES CODE.**

8 Section 20113(l) of title 51, United States Code, is amended by striking “and Marine  
9 Corps” and inserting “, Marine Corps, and Space Force”.

10 **SEC. 1721. OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.**

11 (a) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary of Defense with  
12 respect to the Air Force or members of the Air Force under any covered provision of law may be  
13 exercised by the Secretary with respect to the Space Force or members of the Space Force.

14 (b) SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary of the Air  
15 Force with respect to the Air Force or members of the Air Force under any covered provision of  
16 law may be exercised with respect to the Space Force or members of the Space Force.

17 (c) BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS.—A member of the Space Force shall be eligible for any  
18 benefit under a covered provision of law that is available to a member of the Air Force under the  
19 same terms and conditions as the provision of law applies to members of the Air Force.

20 (d) COVERED PROVISION OF LAW DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered provision  
21 of law” means a provision of law other than a provision of title 5, 10, 14, 18, 31, 37, 38, 41, or  
22 51, United States Code.

## **Section-by-Section Analysis**

This legislative proposal, if enacted into law as part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, would establish a new Armed Force, to be known as the “U.S. Space Force”, within the Department of the Air Force. No new U.S. Armed Force has been established since 1947 when both the U.S. Air Force and the Department of the Air Force were established. The world has changed significantly in the more than 70 years since that time.

Competitor nations, namely China and Russia, are challenging U.S. power, influence, and interests, threatening our freedom of action in every domain including space. Potential adversaries recognize our dependence on space to project military power and are fielding capabilities to erode our military advantage. To ensure unfettered access to and freedom to operate in space, and to prepare for a contested space domain, we must strategically adapt to the changing character of war.

The new U.S. Space Force would be the sixth branch of the Armed Forces, and would be responsible for: (1) providing for freedom of operations in, from, and to the space domain for the United States; (2) providing independent military options for joint and national leadership; and (3) enabling the lethality and effectiveness of the joint force. It would include both combat and combat-support functions to enable prompt and sustained offensive and defensive space operations and joint operations in all domains.

The legislative proposal is intended to be included in the NDAA for FY 2020 as a new title identified as “Title XVII – Space Force.” Subtitle A (Sections 1701 – 1707) of the legislative proposal, title XVII, would consist of several new substantive provisions of law to be added to title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), while subtitle B (Sections 1711 – 1721) would make various technical and conforming changes to various sections of existing law in title 10 and other relevant titles of the U.S.C. that are simply a necessary consequence of establishing a new Armed Force, as described below:

### **TITLE XVII—SPACE FORCE**

#### **Subtitle A—United States Space Force**

##### **Sec. 1701. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.**

This section would add a new chapter 909 to the existing subtitle D of title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), which covers the Department of the Air Force, to establish the U.S. Space Force as an Armed Force within the Department of the Air Force. The new chapter 909 would consist of sections 9091 through 9095 of title 10, and would provide for a Chief of Staff of the Space Force, a Vice Chief of Staff of the Space Force, and a Space Staff made up of these officials as well as other offices established by the Secretary of the Air Force as necessary and appropriate.

The specific sections of title 10, U.S.C., which would be added as part of the new chapter 909, are further described as follows:

### **§9091. Establishment of the Space Force**

This section would establish the U.S. Space Force and provide its functions within the Department of the Air Force. It would describe the composition of the U.S. Space Force as consisting of Regular and associated Reserve components, and all U.S. Space Force units and organizations.

### **§9092. The Space Staff: function, composition**

This section would establish a Space Staff consisting of a Chief of Staff of the Space Force, a Vice Chief of Staff of the Space Force, and other such officials as may be established by law or otherwise assigned. It would describe the duties of the Space Staff, Chief of Staff, and Vice Chief of Staff and their relationship to the Secretary of the Air Force.

### **§9093. The Space Staff: general duties**

This section would establish the duties and authorities of the Space Staff, including the organizing, training, and equipping of the Space Force as a part of the Department of the Air Force, and as a force provider to the combatant commands, as well as the preparation and execution of U.S. Space Force policies and plans.

### **§9094. Chief of Staff of the Space Force**

This section would establish the position of the Chief of Staff of the Space Force in the grade of general to perform duties as prescribed, including to preside over the Space Staff. It would provide that the Chief of Staff of the Space Force would also perform the duties of a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### **§9095. Vice Chief of Staff of the Space Force**

This section would establish the position of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Space Force in the grade of general with the authorities and duties with respect to the Space Force as the Chief of Staff of the Space Force may delegate or prescribe, with the approval of the Secretary of the Air Force. It would provide for the orderly succession of duties in the event the Chief of Staff or Vice Chief of Staff is absent or disabled or if their positions become vacant.

## **SEC. 1702. UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR SPACE.**

This section would amend the existing section 9015 of title 10, U.S.C., which provides for a single Under Secretary of the Air Force, by authorizing two Under Secretaries of the Air Force, one of whom would be a new Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space to be known as the Under Secretary for Space. This new Under Secretary would be a Presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed official within the Secretariat of the Department of the Air Force. This official would be responsible for working with other Department of the Air Force officials, as well as other Department of Defense officials, for the overall supervision of space matters. This section also would amend section 9013 of title 10, U.S.C., to reflect there being



two Under Secretaries in the Secretariat of the Department of the Air Force, and would designate the Under Secretary of the Air Force as the first assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force.

**SEC. 1703. INCLUSION OF THE SPACE FORCE ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND JOINT STAFF.**

This section would amend chapter 5 of title 10, U.S.C., by prescribing that the Chief of Staff of the Space Force would be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, equivalent to the uniformed leaders of the other Armed Forces, as well as acknowledging that U.S. Space Force personnel may be part of the Joint Staff on the same basis as members of the other Armed Forces.

**SEC. 1704. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SUPPORTING THE SPACE FORCE.**

This section would amend the existing chapter covering civilian personnel in the Department of the Air Force, chapter 947 of title 10, U.S.C., to provide greater flexibility for the Department on personnel matters such as recruiting, hiring, and pay for the civilian employees of the Department of the Air Force assigned to, or who support, the U.S. Space Force or U.S. Space Command, similar to those flexibilities and enhanced authorities that exist in other title 10 personnel systems such as the Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System.

**SEC. 1705. DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.**

This section would amend the existing chapter 937 of title 10, U.S.C., that covers decorations and awards available for all Department of the Air Force personnel, by adding a new section 9287 of title 10, U.S.C., authorizing the Secretary of the Air Force to approve new decorations and awards for U.S. Space Force personnel, as appropriate.

**SEC. 1706. REPEAL OF PROVISION RELATED TO AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND.**

This section would repeal the requirement with regard to the tenure and authorities of the Commander of Air Force Space Command. This section would also add a new section 9531 to title 10, U.S.C., to maintain the role of the Department of the Air Force with respect to the procurement of commercial satellite communications services for the Department of Defense, by assigning this responsibility to the Secretary of the Air Force.

**SEC. 1707. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL, PROPERTY, AND RESOURCES AND OTHER TRANSITION MATTERS.**

This section would provide several special temporary authorities for the Secretary of Defense to transfer personnel, property, other resources, and programs from any Department of Defense component to the Department of the Air Force and the new U.S. Space Force during a five-year transition period, with an additional two-year optional extension. This section would also suspend manpower limitations identified elsewhere in law, during the transition period.

## **Subtitle B—Conforming Amendments**

### **SEC. 1711 – 1721. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

These sections make the necessary conforming amendments to specific provisions of existing law, in the relevant titles of the United States Code enacted as positive law, including titles 5, 10, 14, 18, 31, 37, 38, 41, and 51, such as updating the definition of an “Armed Force” to include the U.S. Space Force, and adding the phrase “Space Force” to any section of existing law that currently lists the “Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.” Section 1721 is a general savings provision to allow the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force to exercise the same authorities they hold under other provisions of law with respect to the Air Force, to be exercised also with respect to the Space Force, or to allow members of the Space Force to be treated the same as other armed forces members under other provisions of law that were not specifically amended to reference Space Force members.