

In subsection (f)(2), the word “Administration’s” is substituted for “Agency’s” for clarity.

In subsection (g), the words “10 years after December 26, 2007” are substituted for “on the date that is ten years after the date of the enactment of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2008” for consistency and to reflect the date of enactment of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-161, div. B, 121 Stat. 1884).

DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS

Pub. L. 111-117, div. B, title III, Dec. 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3144, provided in part: “That hereafter, notwithstanding section 315 of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 ([former] 42 U.S.C. 2459j) [now 51 U.S.C. 20145], all proceeds from leases entered into under that section shall be deposited into this account [funds appropriated under the headings ‘NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION’ and ‘CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND REMEDIATION’ of title III of div. B of Pub. L. 111-117] and shall be available for a period of 5 years, to the extent provided in annual appropriations Acts”.

§ 20146. Retrocession of jurisdiction

(a) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this section, the term “State” means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) RELINQUISHING LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator may relinquish to a State all or part of the legislative jurisdiction of the United States over lands or interests under the control of the Administrator in that State.

(Pub. L. 111-314, § 3, Dec. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 3353.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large)   |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 20146 .....     | 42 U.S.C. 2459k.   | Pub. L. 85-568, title III, § 316, as added Pub. L. 109-155, title VII, § 701, Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2935. |

§ 20147. Recovery and disposition authority

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATION HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT VEHICLE.—The term “Administration human space flight vehicle” means a space vehicle, as defined in section 20138(a) of this title, that—

- (A) is intended to transport one or more persons;
- (B) is designed to operate in outer space; and
- (C) is either—
  - (i) owned by the Administration; or
  - (ii) owned by an Administration contractor or cooperating party and operated as part of an Administration mission or a joint mission with the Administration.

(2) CREWMEMBER.—The term “crewmember” means an astronaut or other person assigned to an Administration human space flight vehicle.

(b) CONTROL OF REMAINS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), when there is an accident or mishap

resulting in the death of a crewmember of an Administration human space flight vehicle, the Administrator may take control over the remains of the crewmember and order autopsies and other scientific or medical tests.

(2) TREATMENT.—Each crewmember shall provide the Administrator with the crewmember’s preferences regarding the treatment accorded to the crewmember’s remains and the Administrator shall, to the extent possible, respect those stated preferences.

(3) CONSTRUCTION.—This section shall not be construed to permit the Administrator to interfere with any Federal investigation of a mishap or accident.

(Pub. L. 111-314, § 3, Dec. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 3353.)

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| 20147 .....     | 42 U.S.C. 2459l.   | Pub. L. 85-568, title III, § 317, as added Pub. L. 109-155, title VII, § 705, Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2936. |

SUBCHAPTER IV—UPPER ATMOSPHERE RESEARCH

§ 20161. Congressional declaration of purpose and policy

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subchapter is to authorize and direct the Administration to develop and carry out a comprehensive program of research, technology, and monitoring of the phenomena of the upper atmosphere so as to provide for an understanding of and to maintain the chemical and physical integrity of the Earth’s upper atmosphere.

(b) POLICY.—Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States to undertake an immediate and appropriate research, technology, and monitoring program that will provide for understanding the physics and chemistry of the Earth’s upper atmosphere.

(Pub. L. 111-314, § 3, Dec. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 3354.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large)   |
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| 20161 .....     | 42 U.S.C. 2481.    | Pub. L. 85-568, title IV, § 401, as added Pub. L. 94-39, § 8, June 19, 1975, 89 Stat. 222. |

§ 20162. Definition of upper atmosphere

In this subchapter, the term “upper atmosphere” means that portion of the Earth’s sensible atmosphere above the troposphere.

(Pub. L. 111-314, § 3, Dec. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 3354.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large)   |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 20162 .....     | 42 U.S.C. 2482.    | Pub. L. 85-568, title IV, § 402, as added Pub. L. 94-39, § 8, June 19, 1975, 89 Stat. 222. |

§ 20163. Program authorized

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, the Administration, in