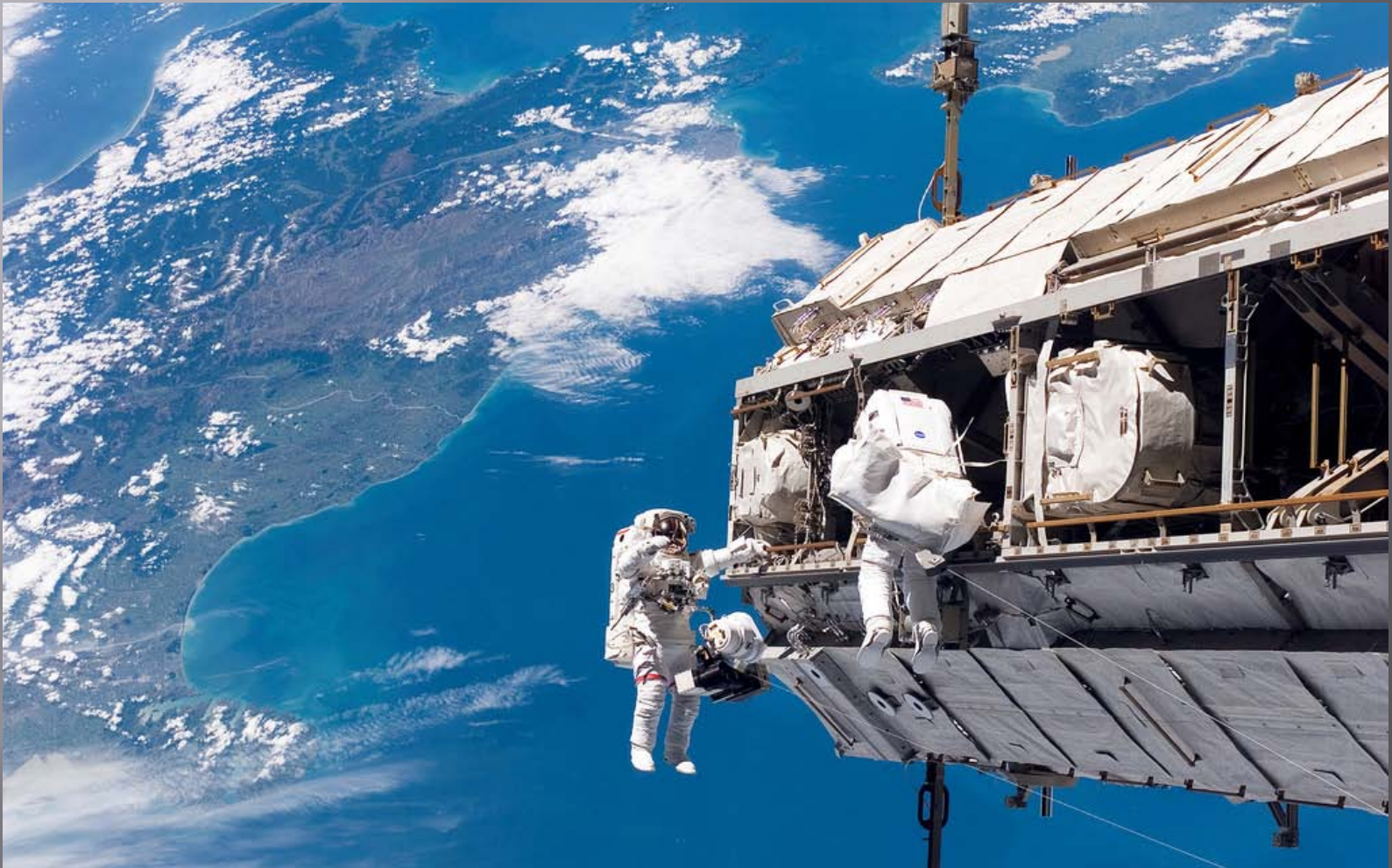


Title 51, United States Code

National & Commercial Space Programs



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- ▣ Part of the U.S. House of Representatives.
- ▣ Maintain and improve the United States Code.
- ▣ Prepare positive law codification bills.
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What is the “United States Code”?

The United States Code is the official codification of Federal statutory law.

Layers of Government in USA

The United States Code contains
only **FEDERAL** statutes.

- Local Government (towns, counties, etc)
- State Government (e.g., Virginia ... Maryland)
- **Federal Government** (U.S.A. as a whole; the nation)

United States Code

51 subject matter titles

positive law title:

The actual title itself is enacted; the title itself is a Federal statute.

non-positive law title:

The title is an editorial compilation of Federal statutes.

Enactment of T51

124 STAT. 3328

PUBLIC LAW 111-314—DEC. 18, 2010

Public Law 111-314
111th Congress

An Act

Dec. 18, 2010
[H.R. 3237]

To enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Purpose; conformity with original intent.
- Sec. 3. Enactment of title 51, United States Code.
- Sec. 4. Conforming amendments to other laws.
- Sec. 5. Transitional and savings provisions.
- Sec. 6. Repeals.

5 USC note prec.
10101.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE; CONFORMITY WITH ORIGINAL INTENT.

(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to codify certain existing laws related to national and commercial space programs as a positive law title of the United States Code.

(b) **CONFORMITY WITH ORIGINAL INTENT.**—In the codification of laws by this Act, the intent is to conform to the understood policy, intent, and purpose of Congress in the original enactments, with such amendments and corrections as will remove ambiguities, contradictions, and other imperfections, in accordance with section 205(c)(1) of House Resolution No. 988, 93d Congress, as enacted into law by Public Law 93-554 (2 U.S.C. 285b(1)).

5 USC note prec.
10101.

SEC. 3. ENACTMENT OF TITLE 51, UNITED STATES CODE.

Title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs", is enacted as follows:

TITLE 51—NATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL SPACE PROGRAMS

Subtitle I—General

| Chap. | Sec. |
|------------------|-------|
| 101. Definitions | 10101 |

Subtitle II—General Program and Policy Provisions

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| 201. National Aeronautics and Space Program | 20101 |
| 203. Responsibilities and Vision | 20301 |

Public Law 111-314
§ 3
explicitly enacts
Title 51, U.S.C.

Positive law codification:

- ▣ Restates existing law - nothing new
- ▣ Enacts existing law as a "positive law" title
- ▣ Improves organization
- ▣ Removes obsolete provisions
- ▣ Corrects technical errors

Seven subtitles in title 51

Subtitle I-General

Subtitle II-General Program and Policy Provisions

Subtitle III-Administrative Provisions

Subtitle IV-Aeronautics and Space Research and Education

Subtitle V-Programs Targeting Commercial Opportunities

Subtitle VI-Earth Observations

Subtitle VII-Access to Space

Subtitle I–General

- ▣ Chapter 101. Definitions

Subtitle II–General Program and Policy Provisions

- ▣ Chapter 201. National Aeronautics and Space Program
- ▣ Chapter 203. Responsibilities and Vision

Subtitle III–Administrative Provisions

- ▣ Chapter 301. Appropriations, Budgets, and Accounting
- ▣ Chapter 303. Contracting and Procurement
- ▣ Chapter 305. Management and Review
- ▣ Chapter 307. International Cooperation and Competition
- ▣ Chapter 309. Awards
- ▣ Chapter 311. Safety
- ▣ Chapter 313. Healthcare
- ▣ Chapter 315. Miscellaneous

Subtitle IV–Aeronautics and Space Research and Education

- ▣ Chapter 401. Aeronautics
- ▣ Chapter 403. National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program
- ▣ Chapter 405. Biomedical Research in Space
- ▣ Chapter 407. Environmentally Friendly Aircraft
- ▣ Chapter 409. Miscellaneous

Subtitle V—Programs Targeting Commercial Opportunities

- ▣ Chapter 501. Space Commerce
- ▣ Chapter 503. Commercial Reusable In-Space Transportation
- ▣ Chapter 505. Commercial Space Competitiveness
- ▣ Chapter 507. Office of Space Commercialization
- ▣ Chapter 509. Commercial Space Launch Activities (transfer by Pub. L. 111-314, §4(d))
- ▣ Chapter 511. Space Transportation Infrastructure (transfer by Pub. L. 111-314, §4(d))

Subtitle VI–Earth Observations

- ▣ Chapter 601. Land Remote Sensing Policy
- ▣ Chapter 603. Remote Sensing
- ▣ Chapter 605. Earth Science

Subtitle VII—Access to Space

- ▣ Chapter 701. Use of Space Shuttle or Alternatives
- ▣ Chapter 703. Shuttle Pricing Policy for Commercial and Foreign Users
- ▣ Chapter 705. Exploration Initiatives
- ▣ Chapter 707. Human Space Flight Independent Investigation Commission
- ▣ Chapter 709. International Space Station
- ▣ Chapter 711. Near-Earth Objects
- ▣ Chapter 713. Cooperation for Safety Among Spacefaring Nations