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Page 386, after line 19, insert the following:

SEC. 6. DEVIATION AUTHORITY FOR SPACE SUPPORT VEHICLES.

(a) ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF DEVIATION AUTHORITY.—Not later than 60 days after receipt of a request for a letter of deviation authority (in accordance with section 91.319(h) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations or any similar successor regulation) for the flight of a space support vehicle, to the extent consistent with maintaining the public health and safety and the safety of property, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall issue such letter of deviation authority.

(b) CONDITIONS FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS FOR HIRE.—The holder of a letter of deviation authority described in subsection (a) may use a space support vehicle to carry an individual on a flight for hire only if—

(1) the holder informs the individual in writing about the risks of such flight, including the safety record of the vehicle type and the safety record of the operator;
(2) the holder informs the individual in writing, prior to receiving any compensation for carrying the individual, that the United States Government has not certified the vehicle as safe for carrying passengers, and that the flight is not licensed by the United States Government as a space launch; and

(3) the individual provides written informed consent to participate in the flight and written certification of compliance with any regulations promulgated by the Administrator in accordance with this section.

(c) LIMITATION.—Operations conducted under the deviation authority described in subsection (a) shall not be available for hire and otherwise authorized by the Administrator.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SPACE FLIGHT PARTICIPANT CANDIDATE.—The term “space flight participant candidate” means an individual engaged in training, evaluation, screening, orientation, or other activities related to space flight.

(2) SPACE SUPPORT VEHICLE.—The term “space support vehicle” means an experimental aircraft operating at a spaceport licensed by the Fed-
eral Aviation Administration that simulates space flight conditions in support of—

(A) training for space flight participants or crew (as such terms are defined in section 50902 of title 51, United States Code) or space flight participant candidates; or

(B) testing of space flight hardware.