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S. 2263

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Control Tower Con-
5 tinuity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTIONS FROM MANDATORY SEPARATION FOR** 7 **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS.**

8 (a) REMOVAL OF AGE LIMITATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8425(a) of title 5,
10 United States Code, is amended, in the second sen-

1 tence, by striking “until that controller becomes 61
2 years of age”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
4 8335(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended,
5 in the second sentence, by striking “until that con-
6 troller becomes 61 years of age”.

7 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
8 by this subsection shall apply on or after 180 days
9 after the date of enactment of this section.

10 (b) EXPIRATION OF MEDICAL CLEARANCE.—Not
11 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
12 section, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Admin-
13 istration shall update FAA Order 3930.3C, titled “Air
14 Traffic Control Specialist Health Program” and issued on
15 June 17, 2019, or any successor regulation, to require the
16 medical clearance for any air traffic controllers that are
17 61 years of age or older to expire on the last day of the
18 6-month period following the date of examination required
19 to obtain such clearance.

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