Public Law 96-171
96th Congress

# An Act

To require a study of the desirability of mandatory age retirement for certain pilots, and for other purposes.

Dec. 29, 1979
[H.R. 3948]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall conduct a study to determine—

Pilots, study of mandatory age retirement.
49 USC 1421 note.

(1) whether an age limitation which prohibits all individuals who are sixty years of age or older from serving as pilots is medically warranted;

(2) whether an age limitation which prohibits all individuals who are older than a particular age from serving as pilots is medically warranted;

(3) whether rules governing eligibility for first- and second-class medical certification, as set forth in part 67 of title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act), are adequate to determine an individual's physical condition in light of existing medical technology;

14 CFR Part 67.

(4) whether rules governing the frequency of first- and second-class medical examinations, as set forth in part 67 of title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act), are adequate to assure that an individual's physical condition is being satisfactorily monitored; and

(5) the effect of aging on the ability of individuals to perform the duties of pilots with the highest level of safety.

The Director shall complete such study and submit a report of the results thereof to Congress within one year after the date of enactment of this Act. In conducting such study the Director shall utilize all available studies and data which are relevant to such study.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 2. No funds are authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 1979, in addition to funds otherwise available to carry out the study described in section 1 of this Act.

Appropriation authorization.

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