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H. R. 65

To amend the age restrictions for pilots.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIBBONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To amend the age restrictions for pilots.

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. LIMITATION ON AGE RESTRICTIONS.

4 Section 44703 of title 49, United State Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(k) LIMITATION ON AGE RESTRICTIONS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of law, the Administrator may not, solely
9 by reason of a person’s age, if such person has not
10 attained the person’s social security retirement age
11 as defined in section 216(l) of the Social Security
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 416(l))—

1 “(A) deny, defer as to, or fail to renew for,
2 any such person an airman or medical certifi-
3 cate to serve as a pilot of aircraft operated by
4 an air carrier engaged in operations under part
5 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, or
6 take any other action by regulation or otherwise
7 under this section, including the imposition of
8 restrictions or limitations on an airman or med-
9 ical certificate following initial or periodic com-
10 petency or medical testing, which has the same
11 age discriminatory effect on any such person; or

12 “(B) require an air carrier engaged in op-
13 erations under such part to terminate the em-
14 ployment of, or not to employ, any such person
15 as a pilot of an aircraft operated by such air
16 carrier, or take any other action by regulation
17 or otherwise under section 44705 which has the
18 same age discriminatory effect on any such per-
19 son.

20 “(2) APPLICABILITY.—Nothing in paragraph
21 (1) shall provide the basis for a claim of seniority
22 under any labor agreement in effect between a rec-
23 ognized bargaining unit for pilots and an air carrier
24 engaged in operations under part 121 of title 14,
25 Code of Federal Regulations, made by any pilot

1 seeking re-employment by such air carrier following
2 the pilot's previous termination or cessation of em-
3 ployment as mandated by section 121.383(c) of title
4 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

5 “(3) AMENDMENT OF REGULATION.—Upon the
6 enactment of this subsection, the provisions of sec-
7 tion 121.383(c) of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-
8 tions (as in effect on the day before the date of en-
9 actment of this subsection) shall cease to apply and
10 the Administrator shall take such action as is nec-
11 essary to carry out this subsection.”.

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