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To modify the age-60 retirement standard for certain pilots and, for other purposes.

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Mr. HAYES (for himself, Mr. MICA, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. McINTYRE, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, Ms. CARSON, and Mr. WATT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Freedom to Fly Act
5 of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF FAA’S AGE-60 RETIREMENT**
7 **STANDARD.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—A pilot who has attained 60 years
9 of age may serve as a pilot of an aircraft operated by an

1 air carrier engaged in operations under part 121 of title
2 14, Code of Federal Regulations, until attaining 65 years
3 of age only if the pilot serves—

4 (1) as a required pilot in multi-crew aircraft op-
5 erations; and

6 (2) with another pilot serving as a required
7 pilot in such multi-crew aircraft operations who has
8 not yet attained 60 years of age.

9 (b) SUNSET OF AGE-60 RETIREMENT RULE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the effective
11 date described in subsection (e), section 121.383(c)
12 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations shall have
13 no further force or effect.

14 (2) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days
15 after the effective date described in subsection (e),
16 the Secretary of Transportation shall take such ac-
17 tion as may be necessary to implement paragraph
18 (1) and to modify the regulations relating to pilot
19 privileges by reason of age.

20 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The provisions of subsection (a)
21 shall not provide a basis for a claim of seniority under
22 any labor agreement in effect between a recognized bar-
23 gaining unit for pilots and an air carrier engaged in oper-
24 ations under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-
25 tions, that is made by a person who was a pilot and who

1 attained 60 years of age before the effective date described
2 in subsection (e) and is seeking a position as a pilot with
3 such air carrier following that person's termination or ces-
4 sation of employment or promotion or transfer to another
5 position with such air carrier pursuant to section
6 121.383(e) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, as
7 in effect on the day before the effective date described in
8 subsection (e).

9 (d) GAO REPORT AFTER MODIFICATION OF AGE-60
10 RETIRMENT STANDARD.—Not later than 24 months after
11 the effective date described in subsection (e), the Comp-
12 troller General of the United States shall report to the
13 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
14 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-
15 frastructure of the House of Representatives concerning
16 the effect on aviation safety, if any, of the modification
17 of the age standard contained in subsection (a).

18 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
19 the date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment
20 of this Act.

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