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S. 2831

To provide assistance to certain airline industry workers who have lost their jobs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CARNAHAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Airline Worker Relief
5 Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) AIR CARRIER.—The term “air carrier” has
9 the meaning given that term in section 40102 of
10 title 49, United States Code.

1 (2) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the Air
2 Transportation Stabilization Board established
3 under section 102(b) of the Air Transportation Safe-
4 ty and System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101
5 note).

6 (3) FEDERAL CREDIT INSTRUMENT.—The term
7 “Federal credit instrument” has the meaning given
8 that term in section 107 of the Air Transportation
9 Safety and System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C.
10 40101 note).

11 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Labor.

13 (5) TOTALLY SEPARATED.—The term “totally
14 separated” means the layoff or severance of an indi-
15 vidual from employment with an air carrier.

16 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN AIRLINE WORKERS.**

17 The Secretary shall provide assistance to an eligible
18 worker in the same manner as adjustment assistance is
19 provided to an adversely affected worker under chapter 2
20 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et
21 seq.).

22 **SEC. 4. ELIGIBILITY.**

23 For the purposes of section 3, an individual shall be
24 treated as an eligible worker, if the Secretary determines
25 that the individual—

1 (1) had been employed by a single air carrier
2 for at least 26 weeks during the 52-week period end-
3 ing with the week in which the employee is totally
4 separated;

5 (2) became totally separated from the air car-
6 rier no more than 90 days after the date on which
7 the Board denied the air carrier's application for a
8 Federal credit instrument; and

9 (3) submits an application to the Secretary (in
10 such form and manner as the Secretary shall pre-
11 scribe) for the assistance described in section 3 by
12 the date that is the latter of—

13 (A) 1 year after the worker becomes totally
14 separated from the air carrier; or

15 (B) 180 days after the date that the Sec-
16 retary issued final regulations under section 5
17 of this Act.

18 **SEC. 5. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

19 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
20 of this Act, the Secretary shall prescribe such regulations
21 as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out the provi-
22 sions of this Act.

23 **SEC. 6. APPLICABILITY.**

24 The provisions of this Act shall apply to an individual
25 who—

1 (1) meets the eligibility criteria described in
2 section 4; and

3 (2) was employed by an air carrier on or after
4 September 22, 2001.

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