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# S. 65

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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

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 STANDARD.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—A pilot who has attained 60 years  
8       of age may serve as a pilot of an aircraft operated by an  
9       air carrier engaged in operations under part 121 of title

1 14, Code of Federal Regulations, until attaining 65 years  
 2 of age only if the pilot serves—

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

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

8 (b) SUNSET OF AGE-60 RULE.—

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

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

19 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The provisions of subsection (a)  
 20 shall not provide a basis for a claim of seniority under  
 21 any labor agreement in effect between a recognized bar-  
 22 gaining unit for pilots and an air carrier engaged in oper-  
 23 ations under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-  
 24 tions, that is made by a person who was a pilot and who  
 25 attained 60 years of age before the effective date described

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

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

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

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