

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6422

To amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 with respect to current connection.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2010

Mr. STUPAK 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 “Railroad Retirement
5 Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULE FOR ESTABLISHING CURRENT CON-**
7 **NECTION RELATING TO CERTAIN EMPLOY-**
8 **MENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(o) of the Railroad Re-
10 tirement Act of 1974 is amended by inserting “the De-

1 partment of State (in a position the Secretary of State
2 certifies as railroad related),” before “the Department of
3 Transportation”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
5 this section applies with respect to annuities payable for
6 months beginning after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act.

8 **SEC. 3. EQUITABLE EXTENSION OF CURRENT CONNECTION.**

9 (a) EQUITABLE ESTOPPEL.—Section 1(o) of the
10 Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231(o)) is
11 amended by inserting “An individual who, at the time the
12 individual makes an inquiry to the Board, has a current
13 connection shall not be deemed to have lost that current
14 connection thereafter if the Board misleads or fails to
15 properly inform that individual about that requirement
16 and if that conduct by the Board, according to the prin-
17 ciples of equity, should stop the Board from deeming the
18 individual to have lost that current connection.” after the
19 first sentence.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
21 this section applies with respect to annuities applied for
22 on or after February 3, 1989.

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