

There is absolutely no reason to change the age 60 rule. To do so would clearly impact safety - and this is acknowledged by writers of the change; the proposed rule only allows one pilot over age 60 in the cockpit. There can be no reason for this other than an acknowledgement of the safety implications of the proposed change. It has been demonstrated, time and again, that the faculties of the human body decrease over time. At some point, you MUST define an age at which Part 121 flying is not allowed. Changing the number to 62, 64, or 65 is just as 'discriminatory' as leaving it at 60.

This proposed change is a change in SAFETY regulations so that pilots who have benefitted from the rule can now benefit again, by getting 5 more years of top earnings while squashing the career progression of those below them.

The ONLY way that this rule change could be considered 'fair' would be to change the rule and have the new rule apply only to pilots hired at Part 121 carriers after the rule change takes effect. All pilots currently employed by any Part 121 carrier would be exempt from the rule change, or any effects that it may have.