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Subject: FAA Age 60 Rule

As chairman of the Age 60 Pilot Limitations committee of the Civil Aviation Medicine Association (CAMA), this letter is to establish the position that CAMA is opposed to licensing limitations placed on any qualified pilot due to his attaining the age of 60.

At the annual meeting this month the Civil Aviation Medicine Association devoted much of the three day session to the FAA Airline Transport Pilots Age 60 Limitation. The consensus of the Association is that mandatory retirement for an airline pilot who has reached the age of 60 is without medical basis. Flight physicians belonging to this Association perform the majority of physical examinations for these airline pilots and it is observed that most pilots who have attained the age of 60 are indeed healthy and do not show physical or mental adverse changes in their ability to pilot an aircraft. In the experience of this group of physicians it is felt that if the pilot passes the FAA appropriate physical examination requirements (placed on all pilots regardless of age) the age 60 limitation is unjust and unfounded.

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