

I am an airline pilot for Delta Airlines and looking at retirement in 3 years. The normal retirement age attained for pilots (age 60) was never done scientifically. Furthermore everyone is looking at living a longer life with better medical care and disease detection. It is only the FAA and ALPA, my own Union, that fails to recognize this fact. Even the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Govt. has increased the age at which you can retire with full social security benefits, for me age 67.

Please give us young 60 year olds who are in good health the ability to continue to work to what is considered a normal retirement age of 65. Also, some of us have not been fortunate enough to be with one airline our entire careers. Some of us have been decimated by mergers, bankruptcy, and other financial setbacks in the airline business. We in fact need to work longer to make up for these setbacks. Do not take away our ability to earn a living at what we were will trained for because someone 40 years set an arbitrary number for pilot retirements.

This is really age bias at its best.

Sincerely,

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