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Strike section 121 and insert the following:

SEC. 121. MODIFICATION OF FORCE STRUCTURE OBJECTIVES FOR B–1B BOMBER AIRCRAFT.

(a) Modification of Minimum Inventory Requirement.—Section 9062(h)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “36” and inserting “32”.

(b) Temporary Authority to Retire Aircraft.—

(1) In General.—Notwithstanding section 9062(h)(1) of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of the Air Force may retire up to nine B–1 aircraft.

(2) Termination of Authority.—The authority of the Secretary of the Air Force to retire aircraft under paragraph (1) shall terminate on January 1, 2023.

(c) Preservation of Certain Aircraft and Maintenance Personnel.—Until the date on which the Secretary of the Air Force determines that the B–21 air-
craft has attained initial operating capability, the Secretary—

(1) shall preserve each B–1 aircraft that is retired under subsection (b), in a manner that ensures the components and parts of such aircraft are maintained in reclaimable condition that is consistent with type 2000 recallable storage, or better; and

(2) may not reduce the number of billets assigned to maintenance of B–1 aircraft in effect on January 1, 2020.