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At the end of section 5404 (page 447, after line 6) add the following:

(d) PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) E STABLISHMENT.—In addition to the pilot program under subsection (b), not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall establish a pilot program that allows an individual under the age of 21 years to operate a commercial motor vehicle if—

(A) the individual is at least 18 years of age;

(B) the individual satisfies all requirements to qualify as a commercial motor vehicle driver (other than requirements relating to age);

(C) the commercial motor vehicle is operated not more than 150 air miles from the normal work reporting location of the individual, as determined by the Secretary; and

(D) the commercial motor vehicle is operated for the purpose of transporting farm sup-
plies, agricultural commodities, farm machinery, livestock, poultry, or other agricultural products as determined by the Secretary.

(2) SAFETY STUDY.—In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary shall conduct a study to determine the impact of the program on commercial motor vehicle safety.

(3) REPORT.—On the date that is 3 years after the date on which the pilot program is established, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the results of the study conducted under paragraph, including a determination of whether the program had a negative impact on safety.

(4) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall terminate upon submission of the report under paragraph (3) if the report includes a determination that the program had a negative impact on safety.

(5) PERMANENT AUTHORITY.—If the report submitted under paragraph (3) does not include a determination that the pilot program had a negative impact on safety, the Secretary shall issue or revise regulations to allow, on a permanent basis, an individual under the age of 21 years to operate a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with the condi-
tions specified in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (1).