



Action Call

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Support General Aviation Tax Exemption Legislation In New York

Legislators in New York are currently considering [Assembly Bill 3677](#) and [Senate Bill 273](#) which would exempt general aviation aircraft purchased in the state from the New York sales and use tax. The Senate bill is currently in its third reading, which means now is the time for NATA members throughout New York to contact their officials today in support of this important legislation to the general aviation industry.

Passage of the bills, sponsored by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo (D-123rd District) and Senator William Larkin (R-39th District) - both major advocates of general aviation, will provide opportunities for New York to bring business, revenue and jobs to the state. Similar bills have been implemented in Massachusetts and Connecticut and both states have seen an increase in tax revenue and aviation business activity.

Legislation was passed in 2004 to exempt the maintenance and repair on aircraft of the state's sales tax. A recent study by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has reported that the tax exemption on aircraft maintenance and repair has had tremendous positive impacts on the industry. Since exemption implementation, maintenance and repair companies have seen an increase in revenue, expanded their businesses and have hired more workers.

Throughout New York, there are 90 public-use airports that are used by 17,449 pilots and 6,457 general aviation aircraft. The New York Department of Transportation reports that the total economic impact of aviation in the state is over \$50 billion, with over \$1 billion coming from general aviation airports.

NATA encourages all New York members to contact their elected officials today in support of these tax exemption bills. A tax exemption on aircraft purchases means more business, job and economic growth to an industry that already contributes so much to the state's overall success. New York will also be able to compete with neighboring states that already have exemptions on aircraft purchases. For more information on how to contact your Representatives and Senators in support of AB3677 and SB273, [click here](#).