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Support Safety, tax Revenue and Maintenance Bills in Massachusetts

NATA is working with the Massachusetts Airport Management Association (MAMA) to ensure that a mini-transportation reform bill and four recently-introduced house bills get passed in the state's legislature.

The [Corrective Changes Bill](#), House Bill (HB) 4011, introduced by Governor Deval Patrick on March 28, 2012, and supported by MAMA, would reduce costs, improve efficiencies and reduce budget deficits within the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aviation (MassDOT). The bill has been referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A separate, but related bill, [H.B. 1794: An Act Relative To The Airport Safety and Maintenance Program](#), would authorize the MassDOT Aviation Division to reimburse an airport sponsor for up to 95% of the total project costs that have been adjusted for federal reimbursement, if applicable.

[HB 1795: An Act Relative to State Purchasing Power for Privately-Owned Public-Use Airports](#) would allow any privately owned, public use airport to purchase airport safety, security and maintenance equipment from the state's purchasing contracts/lists. Those airports would also be qualified to screen for and receive state surplus equipment and fixtures.

[An Act Relative to the Massachusetts DOT Aviation Division Capital Expenditure Program, H.B. 1976](#), would allow the agency's aviation division to roll over unspent capital expenditure program funding from year to year, as other transportation entities allow.

A budget bill, [H.B. 1797: An Act Relative to the Massachusetts DOT Aviation Division Operating Budget](#), seeks to use aviation registration and avgas fuel tax revenues annually to fund its non capital operating budget.

All four house bills are currently being reviewed by the Joint Committee on Transportation. To contact your state legislators in support of these bills, please visit MAMA by clicking [here](#).