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## **Florida Legislature to Expand Maintenance Sales Tax Exemption**

Florida state legislators are considering a bill, [SB 1384](#) in the Senate and [HB 1213](#) in the House, that expands exemptions from the sales and use tax on labor and parts used in aircraft repairs on aircraft that weigh more than 2,000 pounds. Currently, maintenance tax exemptions apply to aircraft that weigh 15,000 pounds or more.

House Bill 1213 is a part of the chamber's Economic Development Bill, [HB 7087](#), which is up for consideration on Monday, February 13, 2012. The Senate is still working on their version of an economic development bill, and will include SB 1384 in the legislation.

Broadening the exemption means increasing the \$6 billion in economic activity general aviation produces in the state and job development, which is currently about 55,000, according to the Florida Department of Transportation. Under the new bill, single-engine, multi-engine and turboprop aircraft will be able to benefit from reduced repair bills. Passage of the legislation will help Florida remain competitive in its state taxes and strengthen general aviation business.

NATA and the Florida Aviation Trades Association (FATA) are working together to ask members in the state to contact their Representative to ask for his or her support of HB 7087. Passage of the bill will keep the state's 509 repair stations open for business and will allow pilots who visit Florida to save money on maintenance taxes.

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