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Pennsylvania Legislature Considers Aircraft Tax Exemption

Legislators in Pennsylvania held a hearing last December to consider eliminating the state's sales and use tax on fixed-wing aircraft sales, parts, maintenance and repair. Pennsylvania [House Bill 1100](#), sponsored by state Representative Peter Daley (D-District 49), has advanced through the legislative process and is now awaiting second consideration on the House floor. According to Robert Rockmaker, executive director of the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, the state is known as the "closed-for-business" state when it comes to aviation and services and that its tax policy has become the biggest barrier for new aircraft companies to come to Pennsylvania.

Similar bills have been implemented in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York and have seen an increase in tax revenue and aviation business activity. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's *Economic Impact of Aviation in Pennsylvania Study* reported that general aviation supports nearly 9,000 jobs, generates about \$400,000 in annual payroll and produces \$1.3 billion in annual economic activity.

The next vote is critical to the bill's success and will not occur without industry and constituent participation. NATA encourages all members in Pennsylvania to write their local state representative and the state Majority Leader, Representative Mike Turzai (R-District 28) and ask them to support HB 1100 and work to move the bill to final consideration. Passage of the bill will stimulate the state's economy, jobs and business competition.

Contact information for your state House member can be found by visiting www.legis.state.pa.us or by emailing SAN@nata.aero for assistance.