

STATE AVIATION DAY

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State Aviation Trust Fund Overview

- The State Aviation Trust Fund was established in 1998.
- The Fund was last extended through legislation in 2012 and will remain in place through 2023.
- Revenue for this program is generated from a sales tax on jet fuel sold in the state.
- The State Aviation Trust Fund is an important economic development tool. It supports a state airport system that contributes over 100,000 jobs and \$11.1 billion in economic activity to the statewide economy.
- The funds are used to maintain and develop the state airport system and can be used at 109 public use airports.
- Funding for this program has gone toward the construction and maintenance of runways, taxiways, aprons, the installation or repair of safety equipment and navigational aids, engineering and technical studies and acquiring land for improvements.
- Funding from this program has also gone toward safety initiatives such as fire fighting training, emergency response training for aircraft incidents, and air traffic control services.
- The funding also allows commercial service airports to pursue new airline service for their communities.
- The State Aviation Trust Fund has been used to fund over \$25 million in improvements since the last extension was passed in 2012.

Proposed Legislative Initiatives

- REAL ID Compliance—Several bills have been filed this session to place Missouri in compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.
 - **If Missouri does not come into compliance, Missouri driver's licenses will no longer be a valid form of identification to board commercial aircraft beginning in January 2018.**
 - Missouri residents are already required to provide a different form of identification to enter federal facilities, including military bases.
 - HB 151, SCS SB 37 & 244, and SB 280 would all place Missouri back into compliance.
- HB 30—Would allow antique aircraft to be flown up to 150 hours per year before having to pay higher personal property taxes.
 - Current law sets this cap at 50 hours per year.
 - This would result in more active aircraft in the state, which could create additional business and tax revenue. It would also allow antique aircraft owners to use their planes for public benefit flying and introducing students to flying.
- HB 313—Establishes a procedure for the removal and disposal of abandoned aircraft on airport property.