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Who is MAAE?

The Michigan Association of Airport Executives (MAAE) is the professional organization for airport executives throughout Michigan. The primary goal for MAAE is to assist airport executives in fulfilling their responsibilities to the airports and communities they serve. MAAE membership includes executives from large and medium size airports, as well as managers from smaller airports.

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Northwest Regional Airport Authority TVC

- ▶ Created in October of 2021
- ▶ 3rd largest airport in the state defined by economic impact at over \$1.0 Billion
- ▶ 4th largest airport in the state defined by passenger enplanements 2022
- ▶ 5 airlines - 17 destinations
- ▶ 26 employees
- ▶ Issue with PA 152 - is the airport authority (under chapter VIIA) is not defined as a local unit of government. The authority must select health care plans that stay under the cap or cost share on the premium's (80/20) with the employee. This creates an issue with attracting and retaining employees. It does not allow a choice for the airport to support a better plan for its employees. It must follow PA 152.
- ▶ PA 152 allows for all other types of airport governance models to have an exemption (city, county, and authorities created under chapter VIA).

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House Bill 4618

A bill to amend 2011 PA 152, "Publicly funded health insurance contribution act"

The current bill was created before Chapter VIIA (Act 95) of the Michigan Aeronautics Code was developed in 2015.

The current bill only allows for an authority created under chapter VIA of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.108 to 259.125c, to be defined as a local unit of government.

The amended bill would also allow an authority created under chapter VIIA of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.137 to 259.149, to also be defined as a local unit of government

Under Sec 8 By a 2/3 vote of its governing body each year, a local unit of government may exempt itself from the requirements of this act for the next succeeding year.

Cherry Capital Airport TVC and the Gerald R. Ford International Airport GRR - Authorities were created under the new chapter VIIA of the aeronautics code. All current authorities will remain defined as a local unit of government. Remainder of airports are governed by local units (i.e. City or County) and are defined as a local unit of government.

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