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## United Airlines suspends \$2 curbside luggage fee

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United Airlines this week suspended the \$2 fee for each piece of luggage checked curbside at Boston's Logan International Airport and other major US airports as it reviews its slate of fees, airline spokeswoman Megan McCarthy said. The airline has started to collect \$15 from most passengers who check in one piece of luggage whether at the curb or the counter. Shannon Liss-Riordan, the Boston lawyer representing several airlines' skycaps in lawsuits alleging wage violations linked to curbside-baggage fees that some passengers mistook as required gratuities, said she had asked United to get rid of the \$2 fee. McCarthy said she could not comment on whether the change is in reaction to the lawyer's request, but emphasized that the fee has been suspended, not eliminated. (Nicole C. Wong)