

Department of Planning and Budget
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

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1. Bill Number: HB919

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Griffith

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Maintenance of Revolutionary War graves

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill establishes a program to assist in the maintenance of Revolutionary War graves that is similar to the program for Confederate graves. The bill provides for annual payments to Revolutionary War memorial associations for the routine maintenance of the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers and sailors.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are: Final. See items 7 and 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No. The bill states that "the Comptroller of the Commonwealth is instructed and empowered to draw annual warrants upon the State Treasurer from any sum that may be provided in the general appropriation act, in favor of the treasurers of Revolutionary War memorial associations caring for cemeteries..." In a similar program for the maintenance of Confederate graves, language in the Appropriation Act specifies the funding provided to the Department of Historic Resources to distribute for the care of graves. The General Assembly did not provide funding in the budget bill as passed for maintenance of Revolutionary War graves. Therefore, since it is not funded in fiscal years 2003 and 2004, payments will not be made to the memorial associations until an appropriation is provided.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill provides for allocation of the appropriations made based on the number of graves in each cemetery set forth in the bill multiplied by five dollars or the average annual cost of routine maintenance per grave, whichever is greater. If funded, the expenditure impact would be \$2,845, as derived by multiplying the number of Revolutionary War graves (569) by the five-dollar cost per grave. As discussed above, there is no appropriation for the care of Revolutionary War graves in fiscal years 2003 and 2004. When implemented, the Department of Historic Resources will incur some minimal administrative costs to implement the program that will be absorbed in the agency's budget.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Historic Resources.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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