

## Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1282

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

2. Patron Edwards

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Revolutionary War cemeteries and graves

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill allows an association that receives funds from the Commonwealth for the care of Revolutionary War graves to spend such funds for the maintenance of cemeteries and graves not specifically identified in the Code but otherwise identified as a Revolutionary War cemetery or grave. Currently, such associations or organizations may only spend these funds on cemeteries and graves set forth in statute.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are: Unknown, see item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The 2002 Appropriation Act does not include funding for care and maintenance of Revolutionary War graves, so there are no organizations currently receiving funds from the Commonwealth. The proposed bill would make it difficult to provide an appropriation for the care of Revolutionary War graves because the number of cemeteries and graves is unknown. The bill does not provide a mechanism to prorate or otherwise allocate funding if the number of graves identified exceeds the available appropriation.

As amended, the care of Revolutionary War graves program would no longer parallel the existing program for care of Confederate graves. So, the Department of Historic Resources would have to create a new administrative process for identifying graves.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources