

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1652

House of Origin    ☐    Introduced        ☐    Substitute        ☐    Engrossed  
Second House       ☐    In Committee    ☐    Substitute        ☒    Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Carrico

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Adds McKenzie Cemetery in Grayson County to list of Confederate cemeteries and graves

**5. Summary:** This bill adds the McKenzie Cemetery located in Grayson County, which maintains ten Confederate graves, and Skinquarter Baptist Church Cemetery in Chesterfield County, which maintains 12 Confederate graves, to the list of those cemeteries receiving funds from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for the care of such graves.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$0	0.0	n/a
2010	\$110	0.0	GF
2011	\$110	0.0	GF
2012	\$110	0.0	GF
2013	\$110	0.0	GF
2014	\$110	0.0	GF
2015	\$110	0.0	GF

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 374.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill adds the McKenzie Cemetery in Grayson County, which maintains ten Confederate grave sites, and Skinquarter Baptist Church Cemetery in Chesterfield County, which maintains 12 Confederate graves, to the list of eligible Confederate grave sites receiving funds from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for the care of such graves. According to §10.1-2211 B. of the Code of Virginia, the “allocation of appropriations made pursuant to this section shall be based on the number of graves, monuments and markers as set forth opposite the association’s or organization’s name, or as documented by each association or organization multiplied by the rate of \$5 or the average actual cost of routine maintenance, whichever is greater, for each grave, monument, or marker in the care of a Confederate memorial association or chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. For the purposes of this section the “average actual cost of care” shall be determined by the Department [of Historic Resources] in a biennial survey of at least four properly maintained cemeteries, each located in a different geographical region of the Commonwealth.”

A study done by DHR in 2005 found that cemeteries were paying an average of \$5.28 per grave for the maintenance of Confederate grave sites. The decision was made to keep the rate for maintenance at \$5 per gravesite. A reevaluation of maintenance costs is planned.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Historic Resources.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** A House budget amendment (Item 374#1h) is included to fund 18 newly discovered Confederate graves in the Town of Coeburn's Municipal Graveyard. Funding was not included for this \$90 cost for 18 additional gravesites (at \$5.00 per gravesite). The unfunded costs associated with this language-only budget amendment, combined with the \$110 cost associated with this bill, create a \$200 unfunded cost for the Department of Historic Resources. Not funding these costs breaks with an historical precedent of funding all costs associated with the care and maintenance of Confederate gravesites.

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