

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB675

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

2. Patron: Ruff

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Confederate Memorial Chapel

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Governor to designate the Confederate Memorial Chapel as an official state war memorial to the sacrifices of Virginia's veterans.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact. Preliminary. See Line 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The legislation directs that an appropriate marker be placed in front of the building to describe its commemoration as an official state war memorial. The marker shall also designate the times the building is open to the public. In addition, the bill requires the placement of highway markers on or along the highway or streets closest to the site; the display of two nylon Virginia veterans' flags of the Army of Northern Virginia on the front of the site and the display of a solitary five foot by seven-foot nylon flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia from an existing flagpole.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) currently owns the Confederate Memorial Chapel. The property is leased to a private entity for a period of five years. The lease can be renewed. The leasee is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the interior of the facility while the VMFA maintains the utilities and the exterior of the facility. The Museum believes this legislation would have a minimal fiscal impact that can be absorbed within current operations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts/Confederate Memorial Chapel

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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