

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB177

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

2. Patron: Stanley

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Revolutionary War cemeteries and graves.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Comptroller of the Commonwealth to disburse appropriated sums to the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (VSSAR) for the maintenance of no more than 6,000 Revolutionary War graves set forth on a list submitted annually by the society to the Director of the Department of Historic Resources (the Director). The bill expands the categories of people whose graves may be maintained or marked to include persons rendering service to the Patriot cause in the Revolutionary War. The bill prohibits retroactive disbursements and requires the Director to deposit any funds that have been appropriated for grave maintenance but are not disbursed during the same fiscal year into the Revolutionary War Cemeteries and Graves Fund, which is created by the bill. The bill provides that the Director may use moneys in the Fund to make grants to perform extraordinary maintenance, renovation, repair, or reconstruction of cemeteries or graves or to erect and care for markers, memorials, and monuments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. See items 8 and 11.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	\$30,000	0	GF
2020	\$30,000	0	GF
2021	\$30,000	0	GF
2022	\$30,000	0	GF
2023	\$30,000	0	GF
2024	\$30,000	0	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: Annually, an additional \$30,000 of general fund appropriation will be required to implement the provisions of this bill, which provides for the maintenance of up to 6,000 additional Revolutionary War graves. The funding formula is \$5.00, or the average actual cost of routine maintenance, multiplied by the number of graves. Based on the maximum number of graves and the \$5.00 minimal payment for each, the estimated the

estimated fiscal impact could be up to \$30,000 for the Department of Historic Resources. Senate budget amendments to SB30, as introduced, did not include funding for the care of 6,000 additional graves.

This bill establishes a nongeneral fund, the Revolutionary War Cemeteries and Graves Fund, into which the general fund support will be deposited and from which funds will be disbursed to qualified entities.

It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact for the Department of Accounts.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB153 provides for the disbursement of funds to VSSAR for the care of 4,050 graves.

The budget amendments adopted by the House include \$20,250 in each year, from the general fund, for the care of additional Revolutionary War graves.