

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1234

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

2. **Patron:** Wilt

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Historical African American cemeteries; City of Harrisonburg.

5. **Summary:** This bill adds Newtown Cemetery in Harrisonburg, with 400 eligible graves, to the list of cemeteries for which qualified organizations may receive funds from the Department of Historic Resources for the care of historical African American cemeteries and graves.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021	\$2,000	0	General Fund
2022	\$2,000	0	General Fund
2023	\$2,000	0	General Fund
2024	\$2,000	0	General Fund
2025	\$2,000	0	General Fund
2026	\$2,000	0	General Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill specifically lists the Newtown Cemetery, with a total of 400 eligible graves. Based on the number of graves and the \$5.00 minimal payment for each, the estimated fiscal impact to the general fund would be at least \$2,000 per year. The fiscal impact of providing funding equal to the average actual cost of routine maintenance is indeterminate.

Budget language in paragraph I.1 of Item 385 in HB30/SB30, as introduced, provides \$100,000 in FY 2021 and \$150,000 in FY 2022 from the general fund to support the preservation and care of historical African American graves. Out of these amounts, \$54,655 in each year is for the care and maintenance of graves and cemeteries listed in the Code and in Item 385, paragraphs I.2. through I.10., and \$45,345 is available in FY 2021 and \$95,345

is available in FY 2022 to support the care and maintenance of historical African American cemeteries and graves in addition to those that are specifically listed in statute and the budget bill. It is anticipated that this funding is sufficient to support the care and maintenance of the 400 eligible graves in this bill at the \$5.00 minimal payment for each.

However, to add the graves and cemeteries provided for in this bill and the funding for their care and maintenance to those specifically listed in the budget in paragraphs I.2. through I.10., a language amendment to Item 385 of HB30/SB, as introduced, would be required.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.