

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Bond Bill**

Senate Bill 503 (Senator Pica)  
Budget and Taxation

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**Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - U.S.S. Constellation and the U.S.S.  
Constellation Loan of 1995**  
**(\$2,500,000)**

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This bill provides \$2,500,000 in State bond proceeds as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Constellation Foundation, Inc. for the restoration and preservation of the U.S.S. Constellation. The board must provide matching funds, each installment of which must be at least \$75,000, by June 1, 1999. The matching funds may consist of in kind contributions made after January 1, 1993, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the bill and after January 1, 1993. The board must also petition the Secretary of the United States Navy to grant a perpetual preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

The bill also amends the U.S.S. Constellation Loan of 1995 by specifying that the matching fund may consist of in kind contributions made after January 1, 1993, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the bill and after January 1, 1993. The method for providing the matching fund is also altered.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The \$2,500,000 bond authorization would be part of the total \$400 million general obligation debt authorization for fiscal 1997 as recommended by the Capital Debt Affordability Committee. State debt service costs on the \$400 million would be a maximum of \$41.3 million annually based on an interest rate of 4.51%.

The amendment to the U.S.S. Constellation Loan of 1995 makes changes in an authorized loan that would not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

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