

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 883 (Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Minority Business
Enterprise Utilization Program
MC/PG 45-97**

This bill continues the authority of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to operate its Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Utilization Program through September 30, 2001 and requires two reports in 2000. Current law sunsets the program on September 30, 1997. The bill also adds corrective language to ensure that the sunset provision applies to the entire MBE program, rather than just to the program's reporting requirements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Expenditures by M-NCPPC to administer its MBE program would continue at an estimated annual cost of approximately \$23,000 plus the one-time cost of another disparity study, which could be over \$142,000. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Small businesses that participate in the MBE program would continue to benefit from the program as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Since most minority businesses are small businesses, it is likely that most businesses affected by this program are also small businesses. Those small businesses affected by this program would continue to benefit. It is noted that minority small businesses compete directly with other small businesses.

In fiscal 1996, 532 out of M-NCPPC's 4,900 vendors qualified as minority, female, or

disadvantaged businesses. About \$16 million out of \$58 million (28%) in procurements came from minority, female, or disadvantaged businesses.

Information Source(s): Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission,
Department of Fiscal Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - February 13, 1997
ncs

Analysis by: Sarah E. Dickerson
Reviewed by: John Rixey

Direct Inquiries to:
John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst
(410) 841-3710
(301) 858-3710