

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Bond Bill

House Bill 327 (Delegate Exum, *et al.*)  
Appropriations

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**Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - North Brentwood Town Hall  
and Museum Project  
(\$200,000)**

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This bill provides \$200,000 in State bond proceeds as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of North Brentwood to acquire a site and demolish an existing structure, and design, plan, and renovate a building that will contain a town office, museum, kitchen, and police headquarters for the Town of North Brentwood and for associated street work.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) must provide matching funds by June 1, 1999.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** This \$200,000 bond authorization would be part of the total \$415 million general obligation debt authorization for FY 1998 as recommended by the Capital Debt Affordability Committee. State debt service costs on the \$415 million would be a maximum of \$43.9 million annually based on an interest rate of 4.90%.

**Local Effect:** Town of North Brentwood grant revenues would increase by \$200,000. Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission expenditures would increase by \$200,000.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** This bond bill would be part of the annual State capital program. Each year, the State approves a program of general obligation bond funded capital spending. The fiscal 1998 funding totals \$415 million, an amount consistent with the level of funding authorized in prior years. The State's capital program contributes to the construction industry in Maryland, which includes many small businesses. In 1995, the total value of non-residential building construction contracts in Maryland was \$1.8 billion. The fiscal 1998 capital program will continue the State's contribution to the construction industry in Maryland but because it is only \$15 million over the fiscal 1997 level, it will not add substantially to it.

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