

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 492 (Delegate Bozman. *et al.*)

Appropriations

Beach Erosion Control District - Boardwalk Widening - Ocean City

This bill exempts the widening of the boardwalk in Ocean City and the construction of a restroom from the prohibition against construction projects in the Beach Erosion Control District.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements would not materially alter State operations or finances.

Local Effect: In December of 1997, Ocean City issued \$17.175 million in general obligation municipal purpose bonds to pay for a variety of infrastructure improvements. Of this amount, \$3.59 has been dedicated for boardwalk renovations that are being undertaken exclusive of the bill. Construction costs related to the bill, expected to be approximately \$558,450, were anticipated when the bonds were issued and will be funded from the dedicated \$3.59 million.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful impact on small business.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: To the extent that local contractors in the construction business are used by the city for the anticipated boardwalk renovations, these businesses will be impacted in a positive manner. It is also anticipated that making these renovations to the boardwalk will enhance the atmosphere of the area which could help existing small businesses in the area by increasing economic activity.

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