

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 313 (Southern Maryland Delegation. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Maryland Agricultural Fair Board - Grants

This bill increases the annual grant that is paid from the Horse Racing Special Fund to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board in order to promote State and county agricultural fairs and exhibits from \$600,000 to \$825,000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund expenditure increase and general fund revenue loss of \$225,000 annually beginning if FY 2000.

(in dollars)	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
GF Revenues	(\$225,000)	(\$225,000)	(\$225,000)	(\$225,000)	(\$225,000)
SF Expenditures	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
Net Effect	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note: () = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: Minimal.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: Chapter 477 of 1998 provides that as of July 1, 1999, the Horse Racing Special Fund shall consist of (1) the State share of daily licensee fees; (2) pari-mutuel taxes; (3) the impact aid under Section 11-812 of the Business Regulation Article (intertrack betting); (4) money from uncashed tickets that are from bets made into the betting pools of nonharness licensees; and (5) any permit fees under Sections 11-820 and 11-832 of the Business

Regulation Article (simulcast betting). In addition, Chapter 477 provides that as of July 1, 1999 all money remaining in the fund after the required deductions shall be paid into the general fund. The Maryland Board of Revenue Estimates anticipates the fund to have an excess of \$1.174 million in fiscal 2000 that would revert to the general fund in fiscal 2000. The bill requires that the annual grant from the fund that is paid to the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board to promote State and county agricultural fairs and exhibits be increased from \$600,000 to \$825,000. As a result, general fund revenues would decrease by \$225,000 beginning in fiscal 2000.

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