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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 815 (Senator Currie)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Minority Business
Enterprise Utilization Program**

This bill extends the authority of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to establish and administer a minority business enterprise (MBE) program.

The bill is effective June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. To the extent minority business enterprises are also small businesses, the continuation of the program may provide access to contracts that would otherwise not have been available.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill extends the authority for the minority business enterprise program to September 30, 2003 from the current law expiration date of September 30, 2001.

Background: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission advises that the current MBE program has 1,403 participants with a contract value of \$21.4 million in fiscal 2000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None, although HB 837 has been amended in the House to be identical.

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