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Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 278 (Delegate Dewberry)

Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

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**Baltimore County - Westchester Community Center Loan of 1999**

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This emergency bill removes the requirement in the Baltimore County – Westchester Community Center Loan of 1999 that the Board of Directors of the Westchester Community Center, Inc., as grantee, grant and convey a perpetual preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Removing the easement requirement would not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on one small nonprofit entity.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 230 of 1999 authorized up to \$120,000 in matching funds for the repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Westchester Community Center, including the installation of air conditioning. Chapter 230 requires the grantee to grant and convey a perpetual preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

**Background:** The Board of Directors has a 50-year lease on the Westchester Community Center property with a 12-month notice provision to quit the lease. The property is owned by Baltimore County. Any easement would only apply against the leasehold interest in the property. Because of the notice provision in the lease, the

Maryland Historical Trust considers the property inappropriate for a perpetual preservation easement.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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