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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 468 (Delegate W. Baker)
Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

Queen Anne's County - Horsehead Education Center Loan of 1999

This bill extends the deadline from June 1, 2001 to June 1, 2003 for the Board of Directors of the Wildfowl Trust of North America, Inc., as grantee, to provide matching funds of up to \$275,000 for the Queen Anne's County -- Horsehead Education Center Loan of 1999.

The bill is effective June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Extending the deadline for the provision of the matching funds would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

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

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 222 of 1999 authorized up to \$275,000 to the grantee for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a building to house the Horsehead Education Center to be located adjacent to Lake Knapp at the Horsehead Wetlands Center.

Background: The Wildfowl Trust of North America, Inc. is a nonprofit nature center dedicated to providing wetlands and waterfowl education for professionals, students, and

others at the Horsehead Wetlands Center. The center offers on-site and off-site school programs, conducts in-service environmental training for teachers and other professionals, and provides community education programs.

To date, the grantee has spent slightly over \$25,000 on the project and has an additional \$25,000 in dedicated funds. The grantee is currently in negotiation for the remainder of the required match and expects to have sufficient additional funds soon.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 342 (Senator Baker) – Budget and Taxation.

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