

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 187

(Senator Hafer)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

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**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2002 - Western Maryland Health System Project**

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This bill changes the name of the grantee, from the Board of Directors of Sacred Heart Hospitals of the Sisters of Charity, Inc. to the Board of Directors of Western Maryland Health System, Inc., for the Sacred Heart Hospital project in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2002. The bill changes the project location, adds “acquisition” to the purpose of the project, and repeals “renovation” and “repair” from the project’s purpose. The bill also changes the name of the project to reflect the name change.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2005.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Changing the name of the grantee, the project site, and the project’s purpose would not materially affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** The bill will not affect Allegany County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 290 of 2002 authorized \$731,058,000 for capital projects throughout the State. Of that, Chapter 290 authorized up to \$545,000 in matching funds to the grantee for the planning, design, renovation, repair, construction, and capital equipping of the emergency department, to be located at 900 Seton Drive in Cumberland.

**Background:** The grantee is the parent company of the Sacred Heart Hospital and the Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Cumberland. Because of infrastructure problems at both facilities, the grantee intends to consolidate the operations of the two facilities into a single facility – located at a different site – and close the other two. The changes to the project’s purpose reflect the grantee’s intention to erect a new structure.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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