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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 295 (Senator Rosapepe)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2006 and 2007 - Prince George's
County - Historic Laurel Mill Ruins**

This bill deletes the Patuxent River Commission as an eligible recipient of grant funds for the Historic Laurel Mill Ruins, as provided in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2006 and 2007.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Potential increase in expenditures for the City of Laurel, as grantee, if unable to access State grant funds.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized a grant of \$50,000 to the Patuxent River Commission and the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel for the repair, stabilization, and reconstruction of the Historic Laurel Mill Ruins. Chapter 488 of 2007 similarly authorized a grant of \$100,000 for the project. Neither grant includes a matching fund requirement.

Background: The Historic Laurel Mill was constructed in 1811 on the Patuxent River. The grantees are rehabilitating the structure and will make the mill accessible to visitors of Riverfront Park. The Department of General Services advises that State agencies, including the Patuxent River Commission within the Maryland Department of Planning, are not eligible for grant funding; the bill will make grant funds available exclusively to the City of Laurel to continue with the project.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 341 (Delegate Pena-Melnyk, *et al.*) – Appropriations.

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