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House Bill 873
Appropriations

(Delegate Oaks, *et al.*)

**Baltimore City - Park Heights Golf Range and Family Sports Park Loan of 2000
and Maryland Consolidated Bond Loan of 2002 - Baltimore City - Park Heights
Golf Range and Family Sports Park**

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2011, for the Board of Directors of Park Heights Golf Range and Family Sports Park, Inc. to expend funds provided in the Park Heights Golf Range and Family Sports Park Loan of 2000. The bill also specifies that the proceeds of the \$500,000 grant included in Chapter 290 of 2002 must be encumbered or expended no later than June 1, 2011.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect the finances or operations of Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 440 of 2000 authorized up to \$250,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Park Heights Golf Range and Family Sports Park, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a family sports park, golf driving range, miniature golf park, and related buildings in Baltimore City. The grantee was authorized to use real property to meet matching fund requirements. The grantee was

required to present evidence of a matching fund by June 1, 2002. In addition, Chapter 290 of 2002 authorized a grant of \$500,000 to assist in the acquisition, design, and construction of this project.

Chapter 153 of 2003 established a seven-year limitation on the authority to spend an appropriation for a capital expenditure and a seven-year limitation on the authorization for State debt. The Act applies to all debt authorized on or after June 1, 1997.

Background: Required matching funds for the 2000 authorization were certified in March 2002; however, these funds have not yet been expended. These funds were to have been deauthorized as of June 1, 2007; however, Chapter 94 of 2007 provided an extension for encumbrance or expenditure of the funds until June 1, 2009.

In addition to funds authorized in 2000, Chapter 102 of 2001 included \$500,000 in general funds for the Park Heights Golf Range and Family Sports Complex. Chapter 440 of 2002, the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2002, reverted funds appropriated for the complex in 2001 to the general fund. Thus, Chapter 290 of 2002, the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2002, authorized a grant of \$500,000 for the acquisition, design, and construction of the complex. This grant offset the deletion of general funds in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2002. The \$500,000 grant did not include a matching requirement. Without an extension, these funds will be deauthorized as of June 1, 2009.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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