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House Bill 658 (Cecil County Delegation)
 Ways and Means

Fair Hill Improvement Fund - Special Event Area and Operations

This bill requires the Governor to include an appropriation of \$1.8 million for the Fair Hill Improvement Fund in the annual budget bill beginning in fiscal 2024. The money appropriated to the fund must be used exclusively for specified purposes. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: No impact in FY 2022 or 2023. General fund expenditures increase by \$1.8 million beginning in FY 2024. Special fund revenues increase by the same amount. Accordingly, special fund expenditures increase by up to \$1.8 million beginning in FY 2024. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation beginning in FY 2024.**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
SF Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$1.8	\$1.8	\$1.8
GF Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$1.8	\$1.8	\$1.8
SF Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$1.8	\$1.8	\$1.8
Net Effect	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$1.8)	(\$1.8)	(\$1.8)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Specifically, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may use the fund to provide a grant or grants to a unit of State government, a local jurisdiction, a

nonprofit entity, or an affiliated foundation established by the Maryland Stadium Authority, if (1) the department has entered into an agreement with the grant recipient for the ongoing operation, use, maintenance, development, or improvement of the grounds and facilities within the special event area at Fair Hill and (2) the grant funds are restricted to the purposes required to be included in the specified grant agreement and the grant recipient's associated administrative costs. Other money credited to the fund from wagering must be used exclusively for the grounds and facilities within the special event area of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

Current Law: The Fair Hill Improvement Fund is administered by DNR for the operation, maintenance, development, and improvement of the Fair Hill facilities.

State Fiscal Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$1.8 million beginning in fiscal 2024. Special fund revenues for the Fair Hill Improvement Fund increase by the same amount; thus, special fund expenditures from the fund for the ongoing operation, use, maintenance, development, and improvements of the grounds and facilities within the special event area of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area increase by up to \$1.8 million a year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 679 (Cecil County Senators) - Budget and Taxation.

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