

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB714ER

Patron: Henson

Bill Title: Conveyance and acquisition of property; Leesylvania State Park.

Bill Summary: Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Recreation to convey property to and acquire property from the Newport Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. at Leesylvania State Park. The conveyances will provide a permanent access from Neabsco Road in Prince William County to property owned by the Association that is otherwise inaccessible to allow the Association to complete repairs and restoration to a slope failure due to poor soils on the Association's neighborhood open space property while ensuring that the Department retains property of recreational utility at Leesylvania State Park. The bill provides that the exchange of property rights contemplated shall be upon terms and conditions as the Department deems proper, with the prior written recommendation of the Department of General Services to the Governor, the written approval of the Governor of the transaction itself or as such approval may be delegated to the Secretary of Administration, and the approval of the Attorney General as to the form of the instruments prior to execution.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, language amendment. **Items Impacted:** See below.

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR); a language amendment is required.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that DCR can implement this bill within current resources; however, a language amendment is needed.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is final. It is anticipated that the costs associated with this bill, including surveying and review fees, can be absorbed within current nongeneral fund resources of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Item 363, paragraph E, of HB30/SB30 prohibits DCR from initiating or accepting new lands for use as a state park without a specific appropriation for such purpose by the General Assembly. The language does authorize the department to acquire land adjacent to the parks in Item C-25, Chapter 725 Acts of Assembly provided that acquisitions authorized will not cause the department to incur additional operating expenses. This bill will provide for the acquisition of property adjacent to Leesylvania State Park; this park is not included in the authorized list in Item C-25, Chapter 725 Acts of Assembly.

Senate amendments to HB30/SB30 provide additional nongeneral fund appropriation and language to authorize the list of parks, establishing a new Item C-15.2. Leesylvania State Park should be added to this list.

Other: None.