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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1372 (Delegate Oaks, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

State Birds - Oriole and Raven

This bill names the raven (*Corvus corax*) as a State bird, in addition to the Baltimore Oriole.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially change State activities or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) is the only State bird.

Background: The raven, the largest of all entirely black birds, is the mascot for the Baltimore Ravens National Football League team (winner of the 2001 Superbowl). The birds are skilled fliers and known for being crafty, quick to learn, and shy. The raven's geographic range includes North and Central America and parts of Europe and Asia.

No state currently has two state birds.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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