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House Bill 22

(Delegate Hubbard, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

State Government - Designations

This bill designates the Patuxent River stone as the official State gem and lacrosse as the official State team sport.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Title 13 of the State Government Article lists various emblems and designations adopted by the State. In addition to the State flag and seal, the State has designated an official State bird, boat, cat, crustacean, dinosaur, dog, drink, fish, flower, folk dance, fossil shell, horse, insect, reptile, song, sport, summer theater, theater, and tree. Jousting is the State sport. There is not a State team sport designated in statute, nor is there a State gem designated in statute.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Legislation designating the Patuxent River stone as the official State gem was introduced as HB 606 of 2003; the House Health and Government

Operations Committee held a hearing on the bill, but no further action was taken. Prior year introductions include HB 105 of 2002, HB 290 of 2001, and HB 102 of 2000, all of which received unfavorable reports from the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee. SB 663 of 1997 would have designated the golden topaz as the State gem. The bill failed in the House on its third reading.

Cross File: None.

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