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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 102 (Delegate Hubbard)
Commerce and Government Matters

State Gem - The Patuxent River Agate

This bill designates the Patuxent River agate as the official State gem.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Small businesses selling the Patuxent River agate could benefit to the extent that the bill results in an increase in the demand for the gem.

Analysis

Current Law: No State gem has been designated in statute.

Background: Twenty-seven states have designated a state gem.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: 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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