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Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1326 (Delegates Rudolph and Crouse)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**State Designations - The Maryland Apple-Oatmeal Cookie**

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This bill establishes the apple-oatmeal cookie as the State cookie.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal. Small businesses growing apples and cereal grass could benefit to the extent that the bill results in an increase in the demand for the cookie.

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**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 cat, crustacean, bird, boat, dinosaur, dog, drink, fish, flower, folk dance, fossil shell, insect, reptile, song, sport, summer theater, theater, and tree. No State cookie has been designated in statute.

**Background:** Two other states have designated a state cookie. Massachusetts has designated the chocolate chip cookie, and New Mexico has designated the biscochito cookie as their states' cookie.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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