

# SENATE BILL 764

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senators Zucker, Feldman, and Love**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Designations – State Cocktail and State Mineral – Original Maryland**

3 **Orange Crush and Chromite**

4 **~~(State Mineral Act)~~**

5 FOR the purpose of designating the original Maryland orange crush as the State cocktail;

6 designating chromite as the State mineral; and generally relating to ~~the State~~

7 cocktail and State mineral.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – General Provisions

10 Section 7-313 through 7-319

11 to be Section 7-314 through 7-320, respectively

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 BY adding to  
 2 Article – General Provisions  
 3 Section ~~7-326~~ 7-313 and 7-326  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 5 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

6 Preamble

7 WHEREAS, The orange crush cocktail originated in 1995 at the Harborside Bar and  
 8 Grill in Ocean City, Maryland; and

9 WHEREAS, Chromite was first discovered in the United States by Isaac Tyson, Jr.,  
 10 in Bare Hills, Baltimore County in 1808; and

11 WHEREAS, This ore of the important metal chromium appeared as heavy black sand  
 12 in the streams and gullies of Maryland’s serpentine barrens, or as heavy dark rocks found  
 13 on the surface; and

14 WHEREAS, Later discoveries of the mineral were found in the serpentine barrens  
 15 of Harford County, Cecil County, Soldier’s Delight of Baltimore County, and southeastern  
 16 Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, Until the 1850s, this region provided most of the world’s chromite, as  
 18 Isaac Tyson, Jr., exported the valuable mineral via Baltimore Clipper ships from Fells Point  
 19 in Baltimore; and

20 WHEREAS, Isaac Tyson, Jr., established the Baltimore Chrome Works, the nation’s  
 21 first chromium chemicals plant in the United States, dominated the chrome industry,  
 22 started the renowned Tyson Mining Company, and was inducted into the National Mining  
 23 Hall of Fame and Museum in 1996; and

24 WHEREAS, Chromite is found in Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Howard, and  
 25 Montgomery counties and its historical relevance is reflected in the naming of local interest  
 26 points, such as Chrome Hill in Harford County, Chromine Road in Baltimore County, and  
 27 Chrome Mine Road in Montgomery County; and

28 WHEREAS, Chromite reflects the nature of Maryland’s rich mining history and vast  
 29 mineral resources; now, therefore,

30 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 31 That Section(s) 7-313 through 7-319 of Article – General Provisions of the Annotated Code  
 32 of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-314 through 7-320, respectively.

33 SECTION ~~1~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
 34 OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

35 **Article – General Provisions**

1 7-313.

2 *THE ORIGINAL MARYLAND ORANGE CRUSH IS THE STATE COCKTAIL.*

3 **7-326.**

4 **CHROMITE IS THE STATE MINERAL.**

5 SECTION ~~2~~ 3 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 ~~October~~ June 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.