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2025 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

Senate Bill 764 (Senator Zucker, *et al.*)  
Education, Energy, and the Environment

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State Designations - State Mineral - Chromite (State Mineral Act)

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This bill designates Chromite as the State mineral.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Designating a State mineral does not materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Since the adoption of the Maryland State Flag in 1904 and the adoption of the Black-eyed Susan as the State flower in 1918, the State has adopted many official symbols, as shown in **Exhibit 1**. The Governor is also authorized to designate a citizen as the State's Poet Laureate.

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## Exhibit 1 State Symbols of Maryland

<u>Type</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Statutory Authority</u>
Bird	Baltimore Oriole	Chapter 54 of 1947
Boat	Skipjack	Chapter 788 of 1985
Cat	Calico Cat	Chapter 194 of 2001
Crustacean	Blue Crab	Chapter 724 of 1989
Dessert	Smith Island Cake	Chapters 164/165 of 2008
Dinosaur	<i>Astrodon johnstoni</i>	Chapters 403/404 of 1998
Dog	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Chapter 156 of 1964
Drink	Milk	Chapter 220 of 1998
Exercise	Walking	Chapters 400/401 of 2008
Fish	Rockfish (Striped Bass)	Chapter 513 of 1965
Flower	Black-eyed Susan	Chapter 458 of 1918
Folk Dance	Square Dance	Chapter 707 of 1994
Fossil Shell	<i>Ecphora gardnerae</i>	Chapter 688 of 1994
Gem	Patuxent River Stone	Chapter 272 of 2004
Horse	Thoroughbred Horse	Chapter 359 of 2003
Insect	Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly	Chapter 253 of 1973
Paleontology Collection and Research Center	Calvert Marine Museum	Chapters 742/743 of 2018
Reptile	Diamondback Terrapin	Chapter 476 of 1994
Spirit	Maryland Rye or Maryland Rye Whiskey	Chapters 308/309 of 2023
Sport	Jousting	Chapter 134 of 1962
Team Sport	Lacrosse	Chapter 272 of 2004
Theater	Center Stage	Chapter 1003 of 1978
Theater – Summer	Olney Theatre	Chapter 1003 of 1978
Tree	White Oak	Chapter 731 of 1941

Source: Maryland State Archives

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## **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 411 (Delegate Korman) - Health and Government Operations.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Archives; Department of Legislative Services

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