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SB0562



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TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF THE GREATER OCEAN CITY MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IN SUPPORT OF:

SB0562 – State Designations - State Cocktail - Original Maryland Orange Crush

Before:

**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Hearing: 3/13/25 at 1:00 PM**

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 700 regional businesses and job creators, **SUPPORTS Senate Bill SB0562 – State Designations - State Cocktail - Original Maryland Orange Crush**. This legislation would designate the original Maryland Orange Crush as the State cocktail.

The Orange Crush cocktail was invented at the Harborside Bar & Grill in West Ocean City, Maryland, in 1995 as a concoction of vodka, freshly squeezed oranges, and triple sec, topped off with a splash of lemon-lime soda. In August 2024, the Orange Crush became the official state cocktail of Delaware. The legislation (HB444 of 2024) signed by Governor John Carney acknowledged the drink's Maryland origin but said that it was "made famous" and "perfected" at The Starboard in Dewey Beach, Delaware. We want to acknowledge the popular cocktail's original roots here in our home state of Maryland.

Accordingly, the Greater Ocean City Chamber respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE REPORT for SB0675**. Please feel free to contact the Chamber directly at 410-213-0144 should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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