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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
First Reader

House Joint Resolution 2 (Delegate Acevero, *et al.*)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Supporting a Long-Term Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine

This joint resolution declares that the General Assembly condemns violations of international law, including both the attack on October 7, 2023, by Hamas, and the Israeli military's response on the 2.3 million Palestinian people living in Gaza (nearly half of whom are children) since then. It further conveys to Maryland's Congressional Delegation its support for an immediate, long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, the return of all hostages, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people. The joint resolution affirms the General Assembly's commitment to combat antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, its support for the people of both Israel and Palestine to live in peace and security, and the right of all people to live, learn, work, play, pray, and engage in peaceful protest, all without threats, intimidation, or death.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SJ 5 (Senator Benson) - Rules.

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