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FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 10 (Delegate Pitkin, *et al.*)

Economic Matters and Environmental Matters

Crisis in Senior Prescription Drug Care

This joint resolution urges the leadership of the Maryland General Assembly to join in and work with the Northeast Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Pricing (NLAPDP) in formulating and adopting appropriate regional legislative responses to the crisis in senior prescription drug care. In addition, the Governor is urged to work with the governors of states participating in the NLAPDP in implementing appropriate regional responses to the crisis in senior prescription drug care.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this joint resolution would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Background: The NLAPDP was created in 1999 and includes legislative leaders from New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. It is currently reviewing legislative options that would help seniors gain access to prescription drugs at reasonable prices. The options being studied include the creation of an interstate compact and the creation of a prescription drug purchasing pool that would leverage the size of the combined

population of seniors within the participating states to negotiate reduced drug prices for seniors.

Additional Information

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