

HR 257

Recognition of Jerusalem as the Capital of the State of Israel Act

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 16, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 HR 4718 | Identical bill | Dec 21, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. |
| 115 S 11 | Related bill | Jan 3, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. |

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2017)

Recognition of Jerusalem as the Capital of the State of Israel Act

This bill states that it is U.S. policy to recognize Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel.

The bill expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the United States should recognize the sovereign status of an undivided Jerusalem as Israel's capital, (2) recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and transferring the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv will signal U.S. commitment to Israel, (3) the President and the Department of State should affirm as a matter of U.S. policy that Jerusalem must remain Israel's undivided capital, (4) the President should implement the provisions of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 and begin the process of relocating the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and (5) U.S. officials should refrain from actions that contradict U.S. law on this subject.

The bill states that any official U.S. government document that lists countries and their capital cities should identify Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

The President shall relocate the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem by January 1, 2019.

The Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 is amended to eliminate the President's authority, effective January, 1, 2018, to waive certain funding limitations for State Department acquisition and maintenance of buildings abroad until the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem has officially opened.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.