HOUSE BILL No. 1362

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 1-1-4-5; IC 5-20-10; IC 6-1.1.

Synopsis: Various military and veterans matters. Changes the definition of "Hoosier veteran" to include Indiana residents who served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States or served in the national guard of any other state. Establishes the Hoosier veterans homelessness task force. Specifies the duties of the task force. Requires the Indiana housing and community development authority to develop programs to serve Hoosier veterans who are homeless individuals or at risk of becoming homeless individuals, as recommended by the task force and with the assistance of the task force. Authorizes a county fiscal body to adopt an ordinance providing a property tax exemption for residential property used by a Hoosier veteran as a principal place of residence if the Hoosier veteran pays reduced rent for the real property through the receipt of qualified housing assistance.

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Second Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2020)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 1-1-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.114-2016, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 5. (a) The following definitions apply to the
4	construction of all Indiana statutes, unless the construction is plainly
5	repugnant to the intent of the general assembly or of the context of the
6	statute:
7	(1) "Adult", "of full age", and "person in his majority" mean a
8	person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
9	(2) "Attorney" includes a counselor or other person authorized to
0	appear and represent a party in an action or special proceeding.
1	(3) "Autism" means a neurological condition as described in the
2	most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
3	Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.
4	(4) "Bond" does not necessarily imply a seal.
5	(5) "Clerk" means the clerk of the court or a person authorized to
6	perform the clerk's duties.
7	(6) "Health record", "hospital record", or "medical record" means



1	written or printed information possessed by a provider (as defined
2	in IC 16-18-2-295) concerning any diagnosis, treatment, or
3	prognosis of the patient, unless otherwise defined. Except as
4	otherwise provided, the terms include mental health records and
5	drug and alcohol abuse records.
6	(7) "Highway" includes county bridges and state and county
7	roads, unless otherwise expressly provided.
8	(8) "Infant" or "minor" means a person less than eighteen (18)
9	years of age.
10	(9) "Inhabitant" may be construed to mean a resident in any place.
11	(10) "Judgment" means all final orders, decrees, and
12	determinations in an action and all orders upon which executions
13	may issue.
14	(11) "Land", "real estate", and "real property" include lands,
15	tenements, and hereditaments.
16	(12) "Mentally incompetent" means of unsound mind.
17	(13) "Money demands on contract", when used in reference to an
18	action, means an action arising out of contract when the relief
19	demanded is a recovery of money.
20	(14) "Month" means a calendar month, unless otherwise
21	expressed.
22	(15) "Noncode statute" means a statute that is not codified as part
23	of the Indiana Code.
24	(16) "Oath" includes "affirmation", and "to swear" includes to
25	"affirm".
26	(17) "Person" extends to bodies politic and corporate.
27	(18) "Personal property" includes goods, chattels, evidences of
28	debt, and things in action.
29	(19) "Population" has the meaning set forth in IC 1-1-3.5-3.
30	(20) "Preceding" and "following", referring to sections in statutes,
31	mean the sections next preceding or next following that in which
32	the words occur, unless some other section is designated.
33	(21) "Property" includes personal and real property.
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35	(22) "Sheriff" means the sheriff of the county or another person
36	authorized to perform sheriff's duties.
37	(23) "State", applied to any one (1) of the United States, includes
	the District of Columbia and the commonwealths, possessions,
38	states in free association with the United States, and the
39	territories. "United States" includes the District of Columbia and
40	the commonwealths, possessions, states in free association with
41	the United States, and the territories.

(24) "Under legal disabilities" includes persons less than eighteen



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1	(18) years of age, mentally incompetent, or out of the United
2	States.
2 3	(25) "Verified", when applied to pleadings, means supported by
4	oath or affirmation in writing.
5	(26) "Will" includes a testament and codicil.
6	(27) "Without relief" in any judgment, contract, execution, or
7	other instrument of writing or record, means without the benefit
8	of valuation laws.
9	(28) "Written" and "in writing" include printing, lithographing, or
10	other mode of representing words and letters. If the written
11	signature of a person is required, the terms mean the proper
12	handwriting of the person or the person's mark.
13	(29) "Year" means a calendar year, unless otherwise expressed.
14	(30) The definitions in IC 35-31.5 apply to all statutes relating to
15	penal offenses.
16	(b) This subsection applies to the definitions of "Hoosier veteran"
17	and "veteran" when used in reference to state programs for veterans.
18	The term "veteran" includes "Hoosier veteran", and applies to the
19	construction of all Indiana statutes, unless the construction is expressly
20	excluded by the terms of the statute, is plainly repugnant to the intent
21	of the general assembly or of the context of the statute, or is
22	inconsistent with federal law. "Hoosier veteran" means an individual
23	who meets the following criteria:
24	(1) The individual is a resident of Indiana.
25	(2) The individual served:
26	(A) on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the
27	United States;
28	(B) in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
29	States;
30	(C) in the national guard of any other state; or
31	(D) in the Indiana National Guard.
32	(3) The individual completed any required military occupational
33	specialty training and was not discharged or separated from the
34	armed forces or the Indiana National Guard under dishonorable
35	or other than honorable conditions.
36	The definitions set forth in this subsection may not be construed to
37	affect a Hoosier veteran's eligibility for any state program that is based
38	upon a particular aspect of the Hoosier veteran's service such as a
39	disability or a wartime service requirement.
40	SECTION 2. IC 5-20-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
41	A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
42	1, 2020]:



1	Chapter 10. Programs for Homeless Veterans
2	Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "authority" means the Indiana
3	housing and community development authority created by
4	IC 5-20-1-3.
5	Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the
6	Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by
7	IC 10-17-1-2.
8	Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "executive director" refers to the
9	executive director of the authority.
10	Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter, "homeless individual" means
11	any of the following:
12	(1) An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate
13	nighttime residence.
14	(2) An individual with a primary nighttime residence that is
15	a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used
16	as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings,
17	including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train
18	station, airport, or camping ground.
19	(3) An individual living in a supervised publicly or privately
20	operated shelter designated to provide temporary living
21	arrangements, including hotels and motels paid for by federal,
22	state, or local government programs for low income
23	individuals or by charitable organizations, congregate
23 24 25	shelters, and transitional housing.
25	(4) An individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant
26	for human habitation before entering an institution and who
27	is exiting an institution in which the individual temporarily
28	resided.
29	(5) An individual who:
30	(A) provides evidence described in subsection (b) that the
31	individual will imminently lose the individual's housing,
32	including:
33	(i) housing that the individual owns, rents, or lives in
34	without paying rent;
35	(ii) housing that the individual shares with others; or
36	(iii) rooms in hotels or motels not paid for by federal,
37	state, or local government programs for low income
38	individuals or by charitable organizations;
39	(B) has no subsequent residence identified; and
40	(C) lacks the resources or support networks needed to
41	obtain other permanent housing.
42	(6) An individual otherwise considered homeless under 42



1	U.S.C. 11302 for the purposes of any federal housing
2	assistance program.
3	(b) An individual may provide evidence that the individual will
4	imminently lose the individual's housing by providing any of the
5	following:
6	(1) A court order resulting from an eviction action that
7	notifies the individual that the individual must leave within
8	fourteen (14) days.
9	(2) Evidence that the individual's primary nighttime residence
0	is a room in a hotel or motel and that the individual lacks the
1	resources to reside in the room for more than fourteen (14)
2	days.
3	(3) Evidence that the owner or renter of the housing in which
4	the individual is staying will not allow the individual to stay
5	more than fourteen (14) days. An oral statement from an
6	individual seeking homeless assistance under this chapter that
7	is found credible is considered sufficient evidence for the
8	purposes of this subdivision.
9	Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "Hoosier veteran" has the
20	meaning set forth in IC 1-1-4-5.
21	Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the Hoosier
22	veterans homelessness task force established by section 8 of this
23	chapter.
.4	Sec. 7. The authority shall develop programs to serve Hoosier
25	veterans who are homeless individuals or at risk of becoming
26	homeless individuals, as recommended by the task force and with
27	the assistance of the task force.
28	Sec. 8. The Hoosier veterans homelessness task force is
29	established. The task force consists of the following seven (7)
0	members:
1	(1) An employee of the authority designated as the
2	chairperson of the task force under section 9 of this chapter
3	(2) The director of the department, or the director's designee
4	(3) The secretary of family and social services, or the
5	secretary's designee.
6	(4) The adjutant general, or the adjutant general's designee.
7	(5) A county veteran service officer appointed by the
8	governor.
9	(6) A city veteran service officer appointed by the governor.
0	(7) An individual appointed by the governor who has
-1	expertise in providing housing assistance and other services
-2	to homeless individuals.



Sec. 9. The executive director shall designate an individual to

2	serve full time as the chairperson of the task force. The
3	chairperson must be an employee of the authority. The chairperson
4	is responsible for the administration of the task force.
5	Sec. 10. (a) The task force shall meet at the call of the
6	chairperson.
7	(b) A member of the task force who is not a state employee is not
8	entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
9	IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is, however, entitled to
10	reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
11	IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
12	with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
13	procedures established by the Indiana department of
14	administration and approved by the budget agency.
15	(c) A member of the task force who is a state employee is
16	entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
17	IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
18	with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
19	procedures established by the Indiana department of
20	administration and approved by the budget agency.
21	(d) The expenses of the task force are payable from money
22	appropriated to the department.
23	Sec. 11. The task force shall do the following:
24	(1) Assist the authority in the development of a regional
25	delivery system for Hoosier veterans that:
26	(A) considers the need for housing and support services;
27	(B) implements strategies to respond to gaps in the delivery
28	system; and
29	(C) ensures Hoosier veterans and their families are
30	matched with optimal housing solutions.
31	(2) Cooperate with the federal government, the authority, the
32	department, and other state agencies, city and county
33	governments, and nonprofit agencies in developing and
34	implementing programs to:
35	(A) provide services to Hoosier veterans who are homeless
36	individuals or are at risk of becoming homeless
37	individuals; and
38	(B) assist Hoosier veterans in preventing themselves from
39	becoming homeless individuals or at risk of becoming
40	homeless individuals.
41	(3) Facilitate the dissemination of information to assist
42	Hoosier veterans and their families accessing local resources,



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1	programs, and services related to homelessness and housing.
2	(4) Annually estimate and reasonably determine the number
3	of the following:
4	(A) Hoosier veterans who are homeless individuals.
5	(B) Family members of Hoosier veterans who are homeless
6	individuals and less than eighteen (18) years of age.
7	(5) Annually report its policy and program recommendations
8	to the executive director.
9	(6) Annually report its policy and program recommendations
10	and the information described in subdivision (4) to the
l 1	governor and to the legislative council in an electronic format
12	under IC 5-14-6 before October 1.
13	Sec. 12. The authority shall assist county auditors, county
14	assessors, and the department of local government finance in
15	administering the veterans housing assistance tax exemption under
16	IC 6-1.1-10.5.
17	SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
18	AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
19	JULY 1, 2020]:
20	Chapter 10.5. Veterans Housing Assistance Tax Exemption
21	Sec. 1. This chapter applies to assessment dates occurring after
22	December 31, 2020.
23	Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "at-risk Hoosier veteran" means
24	a Hoosier veteran who satisfies the following requirements:
25	(1) The Hoosier veteran is a homeless individual or is at risk
26	of becoming a homeless individual.
27	(2) The Hoosier veteran is not eligible to receive assistance
28	from the federal government under any of the following
29	federal housing assistance programs for veterans under
30	applicable federal standards:
31	(A) The supportive services for veteran families program.
32	(B) The homeless providers grant and per diem program.
33	(C) The federal Department of Housing and Urban
34	Development - Department of Veterans Affairs supportive
35	housing program.
36	(3) The Hoosier veteran registers with the authority.
37	Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "authority" means the Indiana
38	housing and community development authority created by
39	IC 5-20-1-3.
10	Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the

department of local government finance unless the context plainly



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connotes otherwise.

1	Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "exemption ordinance" refers to
2	an ordinance adopted under section 11 of this chapter by a county
3	fiscal body.
4	Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "homeless individual" has the
5	meaning set forth in IC 5-20-10-4.
6	Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "Hoosier veteran" has the
7	meaning set forth in IC 1-1-4-5.
8	Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual, a
9	corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, or another
10	legal entity.
11	Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "qualified housing assistance"
12	means a discount in the amount of rent charged to an at-risk
13	Hoosier veteran that is at least equal to the amount of a rental
14	voucher that the at-risk Hoosier veteran would be eligible to
15	receive if the at-risk Hoosier veteran qualified for assistance under
16	the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development -
17	Department of Veterans Affairs supportive housing program.
18	Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "residential property" refers to
19	real property that consists of any of the following:
20	(1) A single family dwelling that is not part of a homestead
21	and the land, not exceeding one (1) acre, on which the
22	dwelling is located.
23	(2) Real property that consists of:
24	(A) a building that includes two (2) or more dwelling units;
24 25	(B) any common areas shared by the dwelling units
26	(including any land that is a common area, as described in
27	IC 6-1.1-20.6-1.2(b)(2)); and
28	(C) the land on which the building is located.
29	(3) Land rented or leased for the placement of a
30	manufactured home or mobile home, including any common
31	areas shared by the manufactured homes or mobile homes.
32	The term includes a single family dwelling that is under
33	construction and the land, not exceeding one (1) acre, on which the
34	dwelling will be located. The term does not include real property
35	that consists of a commercial hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or
36	tourist cabin.
37	Sec. 11. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a county fiscal body may
38	adopt an exemption ordinance that exempts residential property
39	located in the county from property taxation if:
40	(1) a Hoosier veteran uses the residential property as the
41	Hoosier veteran's principal place of residence; and
42	(2) the Hoosier veteran described in subdivision (1) receives



- (b) The authority shall determine the amount of a rental voucher that each at-risk Hoosier veteran registered with the authority would be eligible to receive if the at-risk Hoosier veteran qualified for assistance under the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development Department of Veterans Affairs supportive housing program. The authority shall certify the amount determined under this subsection to the registered at-risk Hoosier veteran.
- (c) An at-risk Hoosier veteran may provide a copy of the certification received under subsection (b) to a person offering rental housing to the at-risk Hoosier veteran.
- Sec. 13. (a) To receive a tax exemption under this chapter, a person charging discounted rent to an at-risk Hoosier veteran must:
 - (1) provide proof of the discounted rent to the authority; and
 - (2) fulfill the requirements set forth in section 14 of this chapter.
- (b) Upon receiving the proof required under subsection (a), the authority shall certify that the person provided qualified housing assistance to the at-risk Hoosier veteran, the amount of the qualified housing assistance provided, and that the person has fulfilled the requirements of this chapter.



1	Sec. 14. To receive a tax exemption under this chapter, a person
2	providing qualified housing assistance to an at-risk Hoosier
3	veteran must:
4	(1) submit the certification received under section 12 of this
5	chapter to the department and file with the department any
6	other information that the department determines is
7	necessary for the calculation of the exemption amount allowed
8	to the person under this chapter;
9	(2) attach the information described in subdivision (1) to an
10	exemption application prescribed by the department; and
11	(3) submit an application for the exemption to the county
12	assessor and comply with the requirements of IC 6-1.1-11.
13	Sec. 15. A county fiscal body may repeal or amend an exemption
14	ordinance. However, if a county fiscal body repeals or amends an
15	exemption ordinance, any residential property that:
16	(1) was exempt under the exemption ordinance on the date the
17	residential property was rented to a Hoosier veteran by a
18	taxpayer; and
19	(2) continues to be used by a Hoosier veteran as described by
20	section 11(a) of this chapter;
21	remains exempt from property taxation, regardless of whether or
22	not the ownership of the residential property changes after the date
23	the exemption ordinance is amended or repealed.
24	SECTION 4. IC 6-1.1-11-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.86-2018,
25	SECTION 41, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26	JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 4. (a) The exemption application referred to in
27	section 3 of this chapter is not required if the exempt property is owned
28	by the United States, the state, an agency of this state, or a political
29	subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13). However, this subsection
30	applies only when the property is used, and in the case of real property
31	occupied, by the owner.
32	(b) The exemption application referred to in section 3 of this chapter
33	is not required if the exempt property is a cemetery:
34	(1) described by IC 6-1.1-2-7; or
35	(2) maintained by a township executive under IC 23-14-68.
36	(c) The exemption application referred to in section 3 of this chapter
37	is not required if the exempt property is owned by the bureau of motor
38	vehicles commission established under IC 9-14-9.
39	(d) The exemption application referred to in section 3 or 3.5 of this
10	chapter is not required if:
11	(1) the exempt property is:
12	(A) tangible property used for religious purposes described in



1	IC 6-1.1-10-21;
2	(B) tangible property owned by a church or religious society
3	used for educational purposes described in IC 6-1.1-10-16;
4	(C) other tangible property owned, occupied, and used by a
5	person for educational, literary, scientific, religious, or
6	charitable purposes described in IC 6-1.1-10-16; or
7	(D) other tangible property owned by a fraternity or sorority
8	(as defined in IC 6-1.1-10-24);
9	(2) the exemption application referred to in section 3 or 3.5 of this
10	chapter was filed properly at least once for a religious use under
11	IC 6-1.1-10-21, an educational, literary, scientific, religious, or
12	charitable use under IC 6-1.1-10-16, or use by a fraternity or
13	sorority under IC 6-1.1-10-24; and
14	(3) the property continues to meet the requirements for an
15	exemption under IC 6-1.1-10-16, IC 6-1.1-10-21, or
16	IC 6-1.1-10-24.
17	(e) The exemption application referred to in section 3 of this
18	chapter is not required if:
19	(1) the exempt property is residential property used by a
20	Hoosier veteran as a principal place of residence in the
21	manner described by IC 6-1.1-10.5-11;
22	(2) the exemption application referred to in section 3 of this
23	chapter was filed properly at least once for property used for
24	the purposes described in IC 6-1.1-10.5-11; and
25	(3) the property continues to meet the requirements for an
26	exemption under IC 6-1.1-10.5 and the applicable exemption
27	ordinance was adopted under IC 6-1.1-10.5-11.
28	(e) (f) If, after an assessment date, an exempt property is transferred
29	or its use is changed resulting in its ineligibility for an exemption under
30	IC 6-1.1-10, the county assessor shall terminate the exemption for that
31	assessment date. However, if the property remains eligible for an
32	exemption under IC 6-1.1-10 following the transfer or change in use,
33	the exemption shall be left in place for that assessment date. For the
34	the exemption shall be left in place for that assessment date. For the following assessment date, the person that obtained the exemption or
34 35	the exemption shall be left in place for that assessment date. For the
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34 35 36 37	the exemption shall be left in place for that assessment date. For the following assessment date, the person that obtained the exemption or the current owner of the property, as applicable, shall, under section 3 of this chapter and except as provided in this section, file a certified application in duplicate with the county assessor of the county in which
34 35 36 37 38	the exemption shall be left in place for that assessment date. For the following assessment date, the person that obtained the exemption or the current owner of the property, as applicable, shall, under section 3 of this chapter and except as provided in this section, file a certified
34 35 36 37	the exemption shall be left in place for that assessment date. For the following assessment date, the person that obtained the exemption or the current owner of the property, as applicable, shall, under section 3 of this chapter and except as provided in this section, file a certified application in duplicate with the county assessor of the county in which

tangible property is located of the change in ownership or use in the year that the change occurs. The notice must be in the form prescribed



by the department of local government finance.

(f) (g) If the county assessor discovers that title to or use of property granted an exemption under IC 6-1.1-10 has changed, the county assessor shall notify the persons entitled to a tax statement under IC 6-1.1-22-8.1 for the property of the change in title or use and indicate that the county auditor will suspend the exemption for the property until the persons provide the county assessor with an affidavit, signed under penalties of perjury, that identifies the new owners or use of the property and indicates whether the property continues to meet the requirements for an exemption under IC 6-1.1-10. Upon receipt of the affidavit, the county assessor shall reinstate the exemption under IC 6-1.1-15-12.1. However, a claim under IC 6-1.1-26-1.1 for a refund of all or a part of a tax installment paid and any correction of error under IC 6-1.1-15-12.1 must be filed not later than three (3) years after the taxes are first due.

