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## HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1382

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AN ACT concerning health.

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

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018] (a) **As used in this SECTION, "pharmacy desert" means an underserved geographic area where access to a pharmacy (as defined in IC 25-26-13-2) is limited, as determined by the state department of health. The term includes:**

**(1) a rural town or urban neighborhood in which:**

**(A) at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the households are below the federal income poverty level (as defined in IC 12-15-2-1); or**

**(B) the median family income of residents is not more than eighty percent (80%) of the median family income of Indiana;**

**(2) a rural town, urban neighborhood, or metropolitan census tract in which at least five hundred (500) residents or at least thirty-three percent (33%) of the population resides more than one (1) mile from a pharmacy; or**

**(3) a nonmetropolitan census tract in which at least five hundred (500) residents or at least thirty-three percent (33%) of the population resides more than ten (10) miles from a pharmacy.**

**(b) As used in this SECTION, "legislative council" refers to the legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.**

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**(c) As used in this SECTION, "study committee" means either of the following:**

- (1) A statutory committee established under IC 2-5.**
- (2) An interim study committee.**

**(d) The legislative council is urged to assign to the appropriate study committee the study of pharmacy deserts in Indiana, including the following topics:**

- (1) Identifying pharmacy desert areas in Indiana.**
- (2) Examining public and private programs in Indiana and other states that address the problem of pharmacy deserts, including programs that specifically address pharmacy deserts in rural and urban areas.**
- (3) Identifying programs and other solutions that would likely be effective in eliminating Indiana based pharmacy deserts, including potential public, private, and public-private partnerships.**
- (4) Identifying sources of revenue that may be available for pharmacy desert programs.**

**(e) If the topic in subsection (d) is assigned to a study committee, the study committee shall issue a final report containing the committee's findings and recommendations on the topic, including proposed legislation, to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2018.**

**(f) This SECTION expires December 31, 2018.**



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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