

SENATE BILL No. 38

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-41-7.5-3.

Synopsis: Syringe exchange programs. Amends the definition of "qualified entity" to include the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of provisions governing syringe exchange programs.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

Ford J.D.

January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-41-7.5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015,
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "qualified entity"
4 means any of the following:
5 (1) A local health department.
6 (2) A municipality (as defined by IC 36-1-2-11) that operates a
7 program within the boundaries of the municipality.
8 (3) A nonprofit organization that operates a program and has been
9 approved by official action to operate the program by:
10 (A) the local health department;
11 (B) the executive body of the county; or
12 (C) the legislative body of a municipality for the operation of
13 a program within the boundaries of the municipality.
14 (4) **The United States Department of Veterans Affairs.**

