



January 27, 2012

SENATE BILL No. 277

DIGEST OF SB 277 (Updated January 25, 2012 3:41 pm - DI 87)

Citations Affected: IC 12-7; IC 12-10.

Synopsis: Hoosier communities for a lifetime. Defines "communities for a lifetime", and specifies characteristics and requirements for communities for a lifetime.

Effective: Upon passage.

Simpson, Lawson C

January 4, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 26, 2012, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2012)

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~~.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-37.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 37.5. "Community for a lifetime", for**
4 **purposes of IC 12-10-2.5, has the meaning set forth in**
5 **IC 12-10-2.5-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 12-10-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 UPON PASSAGE]:

9 **Chapter 2.5. Hoosier Communities for a Lifetime**

10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "community for a lifetime"**
11 **refers to a community where residents work together in holistic**
12 **and multidisciplinary ways to allow residents to:**

- 13 (1) **organize and become involved in the community;**
14 (2) **decide collectively on the priorities for the community;**
15 **and**
16 (3) **act on the priorities to implement change in the**
17 **community.**

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1 **Sec. 2. A community for a lifetime has the following**
 2 **characteristics:**

- 3 **(1) Affordable housing.**
 4 **(2) Housing that is modified and constructed to accommodate**
 5 **mobility issues and safety.**
 6 **(3) Livability and safety, including a walkable environment**
 7 **and complete streets.**
 8 **(4) Access to nutritious food.**
 9 **(5) Access to economic and wealth building opportunities.**
 10 **(6) Home care and personal assistance services that residents**
 11 **know how to obtain.**
 12 **(7) Available retail services.**
 13 **(8) Access to preventive health care.**
 14 **(9) Opportunities for physical activity.**
 15 **(10) Access to medical care.**
 16 **(11) Access to affordable transportation.**
 17 **(12) Available community services system.**
 18 **(13) Mobilized caregivers to complement the formal service**
 19 **system.**
 20 **(14) Access to quality community or senior centers, nursing**
 21 **homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care, and adult**
 22 **foster care.**
 23 **(15) Promotion of social and civic engagement.**
 24 **(16) Access to meaningful relationships with children and**
 25 **youth in the community.**

26 **Sec. 3. A community for a lifetime must do the following:**

- 27 **(1) Involve partnerships among the state, regions, counties,**
 28 **municipalities, cities, and towns where citizens seek to**
 29 **affirmatively provide a high quality of life for all residents**
 30 **and extend the opportunities, support, and services that will**
 31 **enable citizens to grow older in a community of choice and to**
 32 **continue to be contributing, civically engaged residents.**
 33 **(2) Incorporate widespread citizen participation methods into**
 34 **the local planning process.**
 35 **(3) Establish an ongoing local commission to advise the**
 36 **community on the opportunities, services, and support**
 37 **required by the citizens.**
 38 **(4) Incorporate into the local plan elements addressing the**
 39 **effect of changes in population demographics, including age,**
 40 **land use, housing, public facilities, transportation, and capital**
 41 **improvement.**
 42 **(5) Develop strategies to develop infrastructure needed for the**



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1 **projected population.**
2 **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Local Government, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 277, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 277 as introduced.)

LAWSON C, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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