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House Bill 97

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Amends Title [NO]
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Date _____, 2015

Representative R. Johnson

1 moves to amend the bill on page 185, line 18, by inserting after the line the following language
2 to read:

3 **"FOOD DESERT ZONE RELIEF**

4 **SECTION 15.22.(a)** The Department of Commerce shall establish a Food Desert
5 Zone Relief Pilot Program (Pilot Program). The purpose of the Pilot Program is to (i) identify
6 and prioritize census tracts that suffer from combinations of high poverty rates or low median
7 family incomes and impaired access to healthy, affordable food retail outlets and (ii) provide
8 funding to increase access to foods with high levels of nutrients in relationship to the number of
9 calories the food contains, including fresh vegetables and fruits, whole grains, nuts, seeds,
10 beans and legumes, low fat dairy products, and lean meats.

11 **SECTION 15.22.(b)** Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of
12 Commerce-State Aid for the Support Center for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sum of three
13 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) in nonrecurring funds shall be allocated for the Pilot
14 Program. The Department shall adopt rules providing for the administration of the Pilot
15 Program and develop an application process for existing and prospective food retail outlets in
16 order to relieve nutrient insecurity according to the priority established by the Department in
17 subsection (a) of this section in the most cost-effective manner.

18 **SECTION 15.22.(c)** The Department shall study further expansion of the Pilot
19 Program on a statewide basis to include food desert zone relief to other food deserts. The study
20 shall do all of the following:

- 21 (1) Propose necessary policy and legislative changes.
22 (2) Identify criteria for ranking areas that will realize the greatest benefits of the
23 program for food desert relief in the State.
24 (3) Identify funding needs.
25 (4) Identify available funding sources.
26 (5) Identify any other actions that would be necessary to facilitate
27 implementation.

28 The Department shall report its findings, together with any recommended
29 legislation, to the 2016 Regular Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening."



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