



HOUSE BILL 382: Study Generator Req's for Medical Offices.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 382 would direct the Legislative Research Commission to study whether physician offices should be required to have emergency generators for use during power outages.*

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 382 would direct the Legislative Research Commission to study whether physician offices, which are defined in the bill as premises where a person licensed to practice medicine, or where a professional association or corporation engages in the practice of medicine, should be required to be capable of providing emergency electrical service in the event of failure of the normal electrical service.

As part of this study, the Legislative Research Commission would be directed to do all of the following:

- Examine current requirements imposed on physician offices in the event of failure of the normal electrical service.
- Examine whether other states impose a requirement on physician offices to be capable of providing electrical service in the event of failure of the normal electrical service; and if so, examine their experiences.
- Investigate the positive and negative impacts of imposing such a requirement on the practice of medicine in North Carolina.
- Consult with the North Carolina Medical Board to determine its support or objection to imposing such a requirement.

The Legislative Research Commission would be required to report its findings, together with any proposed legislation, to the 2020 Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly upon its convening.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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