

SENATE BILL No. 108

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-7-2-177.

Synopsis: Township shelter assistance. Amends the definition of "shelter" to include any other form of dwelling accommodation that the township trustee determines is safe, decent, and sanitary.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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December 9, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.



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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 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 12-7-2-177 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 177. (a) "Shelter", for
3 purposes of IC 12-20, means a house, a mobile home, an apartment, a
4 group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied or is intended for
5 occupancy as separate living quarters where the occupant or intended
6 occupant:
7 (1) does not live and eat with any other individual in the building;
8 and
9 (2) has direct access to the occupant's living quarters from the
10 outside of the building or through a common hall.
11 **The term includes any other form of dwelling accommodation that**
12 **the township trustee determines is safe, decent, and sanitary.**
13 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), "shelter", for purposes of
14 IC 12-20-17-2, has the meaning set forth in IC 12-20-17-2.

