

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 2310-22 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-22 new)

8 Sec. 2310-22. Tracking food deserts. The Department, in  
9 cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, shall notify  
10 respective municipal governmental bodies identified as food  
11 deserts and provide an annual report to the General Assembly by  
12 December 31 of each year that identifies the locations of food  
13 deserts within the State and provides information about health  
14 issues associated with food deserts. If the annual report  
15 contains information from the federal government that  
16 identifies the locations of food deserts in the State and  
17 provides information on health issues associated with food  
18 deserts, then the requirements of this Section shall be  
19 satisfied. For the purposes of this Section, "food desert"  
20 means a location vapid of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other  
21 healthful whole foods, in part due to a lack of grocery stores,  
22 farmers' markets, or healthy food providers.