

Amend SB 379 (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 33.031(a), Human Resources Code (page 1, between lines 32 and 33), add the following appropriately numbered subdivisions and renumber subsequent subdivisions and references to those subdivisions accordingly:

() "Food desert" means a census tract, based on information published by the United States Bureau of the Census for the most recent decennial census, in which:

(A) the poverty rate is 20 percent or higher or the median family income is at or below 80 percent of the area median family income; and

(B) at least 500 people or at least 33 percent of the census area's population resides more than:

(i) one mile from a grocery store, in the case of a census tract other than a rural census tract; or

(ii) 10 miles from a grocery store, in the case of a rural census tract.

() "Grocery store" means a store that has at least:

(A) 66 percent of the store's retail space reserved for the sale of food products;

(B) 50 percent of the store's food retail space reserved for the sale of non-prepared foods or foods intended for home preparation and consumption; and

(C) 30 percent of the store's food retail space reserved for the sale of perishable foods, including dairy products, fresh produce, fresh meats, poultry, fish, and frozen foods.

(2) In added Section 33.031(c), Human Resources Code (page 1, lines 53 and 54), between "to" and "the purchase", insert "a recipient of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits who resides in a food desert or to".