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**HOUSE BILL 382\***

Short Title: Study Generator Req's for Medical Offices. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Montgomery.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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March 20, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY  
3 WHETHER CERTAIN MEDICAL OFFICES SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE  
4 EMERGENCY GENERATORS FOR USE DURING POWER OUTAGES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** As used in this section, the term "physician offices" means any  
7 premises where a person licensed to practice medicine under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes,  
8 or where a professional association or corporation organized under Chapter 55B of the General  
9 Statutes, engages in the practice of medicine, as that term is defined in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of  
10 the General Statutes.

11 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study whether  
12 North Carolina should enact legislation requiring that physician offices be capable of providing  
13 emergency electrical service for use in the event of failure of the normal electrical service.

14 As part of its study, the LRC shall do all of the following:

- 15 (1) Examine any current requirements imposed on physician offices in the event  
16 of failure of the normal electrical service.  
17 (2) Examine whether other states require that physician offices be capable of  
18 providing electrical service for use in the event of failure of the normal  
19 electrical service; and in the states that impose such a requirement, examine  
20 their experiences.  
21 (3) Investigate the positive and negative impacts of such a requirement on the  
22 practice of medicine in this State.  
23 (4) Consult with the North Carolina Medical Board to determine its support or  
24 objection to such a requirement and the reasons why.  
25 (5) Any other matters the LRC deems relevant to its efforts.

26 **SECTION 1.(c)** The LRC shall report its findings, together with any proposed  
27 legislation, to the 2020 Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly upon its convening.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

