

HB 32 -- Access to Healthy Food Pilot Program

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By January 1, 2010, and subject to appropriations, this bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish an access to healthy food pilot program. The program must include a maximum of four sites located in urban low-income areas of the state. The program will assist small grocers and food retailers in each of the selected sites in obtaining refrigerated produce display cases to increase the availability of fresh fruit and vegetables. The department must report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2012, on the effectiveness of the program.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.