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As a healthcare provider/physician who has worked in the emergency department, I understand where the bill is coming from, but feel it is absolutely shifting responsibility for difficulty obtaining housing for a large population from the state onto our already overburdened healthcare facilities without the staffing, time, or resources to meet the documented requirements. A better option would be using tax dollars to establish an office to actively work to assist our unhoused populations, rather than add that task to those providing healthcare. Legislators should feel free to reach out to local physicians actually providing care in the environments they are proposing laws to govern, consider visiting these environments themselves, and understand they in no way, shape, or form are able to understand the immense stress healthcare workers are currently under, lest they have recently worked in these environments themselves. This bill is inappropriate, ill-timed, and poorly thought-out given current resources.