

REFERENCE TITLE: **obstetric services; rural communities; recommendations**

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Introduced by
Senator Shamp

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC HEALTH SERVICES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of health services; obstetric and
3 gynecology services; rural communities;
4 recommendations; report; delayed repeal

5 A. The department of health services shall convene stakeholders and
6 staff to develop recommendations to ensure that obstetrics and gynecology
7 services are provided in low-volume, high-risk rural communities in this
8 state. On or before December 31, 2025, the department shall report the
9 recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate and the
10 speaker of the house of representatives and shall provide a copy of the
11 report to the secretary of state.

12 B. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2026.