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Version: As Introduced

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill could result in indirect impacts to state and local government entities. The bill allows businesses required to limit or cease operations by orders, rules, or regulations issued due to the widespread presence of disease or a bioterrorism event to remain open so long as they observe the same safety requirements imposed on businesses that were not required to limit or cease operations. The bill also prohibits orders, rules, or regulations issued due to the widespread presence of disease or a bioterrorism event from requiring businesses or business locations to close due to circumstances not uniquely present at those particular businesses or business locations for more than 14 days. If an order or regulation was issued to limit or cease operations, allowing impacted businesses to continue operations could reduce the revenue loss from certain state and local taxes or possibly reduce enforcement costs related to violations. On the other hand, allowing these businesses to continue operations could result in costs if boards of health need to ensure compliance or provide technical assistance to impacted businesses. However, under the current situation, many businesses that were required to limit or cease operations are now permitted to operate. The bill also declares an emergency, so any fiscal impacts could be realized immediately upon enactment.