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Bill Analysis

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Version: As Reported by Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Lang

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SUMMARY

- Enacts the Business Fairness Act, to allow businesses required to limit or cease operations by orders or rules issued by the Director or Department of Health due to a pandemic, epidemic, or 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.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The Business Fairness Act

The bill enacts the Business Fairness Act, which grants businesses that have been required to limit or cease operations by certain general orders or rules issued by the Director of Department of Health to prevent a threat to the public caused by a pandemic, epidemic, or bioterrorism event, the right to continue operations under one condition. They must comply with the same safety precautions that the order or rule imposes on businesses that are not required to limit or cease operations.

The bill does not apply to an order or rule that is applicable only to a particular business or business location due to circumstances uniquely present at that particular business or business location.¹

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the legislative history is incomplete.

¹ R.C. 3701.353.

HISTORY

| Action | Date |
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| Introduced | 03-16-21 |
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