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SUMMARY

- Allows 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.
- Is titled the Business Fairness Act.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The Business Fairness Act

The act is titled the Business Fairness Act. It grants businesses that have been required to limit or cease operations by certain general orders or rules issued by the Director or 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 act does not apply to an order or rule that applies only to a particular business or business location due to circumstances uniquely present at that particular business or business location.¹

¹ R.C. 3701.353.

HISTORY

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