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Senator Schuring

A BILL

To enact section 3701.353 of the Revised Code to
enact The Business Fairness Act.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3701.353 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 3701.353. Notwithstanding section 3701.352 of the
Revised Code, a business does not violate that section and may
continue or resume operations if both of the following are true:

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(A) The business has been required to cease or limit
operations by order or rule of the director or department of
health that was issued under this chapter to prevent a threat to
the public caused by a pandemic, epidemic, or bioterrorism
event;

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(B) The business complies with all safety precautions that 13
the order or rule requires of businesses that are permitted to 14
continue operations under the order or rule. 15

This section does not apply to an order or rule of the 16
director or department of health that is issued under this 17
chapter and applicable only to a particular business or business 18
location due to circumstances uniquely present at that 19
particular business or business location. 20

Section 2. This act's enactment of section 3701.353 of the 21
Revised Code shall be known as "The Business Fairness Act." 22