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A BILL

To grant civil immunity to a person who provides 1
services for essential businesses and operations 2
for injury, death, or loss that was caused by 3
the transmission of COVID-19 during the period 4
of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020- 5
01D, issued on March 9, 2020, and to declare an 6
emergency. 7

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

Section 1. (A) As used in this section, "essential 8
businesses and operations" has the same meaning as in the 9
Director of Health's order under section 3701.13 of the Revised 10
Code "Re: Director's Order that All Persons Stay at Home Unless 11
Engaged in Essential Work or Activity" issued on March 22, 2020. 12

(B) During the period of emergency declared by Executive 13
Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, a person who provides 14
services for essential businesses and operations is immune from 15
liability in a civil action for any injury, death, or loss to 16
person or property that was caused by the transmission of COVID- 17
19. 18

(C) Division (B) of this section does not apply if the 19
person who provides services for essential businesses and 20
operations acts manifestly outside the scope of the person's 21
responsibilities, with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a 22
wanton or reckless manner. 23

(D) This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any 24
immunity from civil liability that is conferred upon a person 25
who provides services for essential businesses and operations by 26
any other provision of the Revised Code or by case law. 27

Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 28
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 29
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 30
address urgent needs of the state arising from a COVID-19 31
outbreak. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 32