HOUSE BILL NO. 5917

June 24, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Berman, Steven Johnson, Hornberger, Slagh, Haadsma and Yaroch and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 302, entitled

"An act authorizing the governor to proclaim a state of emergency, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the governor with respect thereto; and to prescribe penalties,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 10.31), as amended by 2006 PA 546.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) During times of great public crisis, disaster,
- 2 rioting, catastrophe, or similar public emergency within the state,
- 3 or reasonable apprehension of immediate danger of a public





- 1 emergency of that kind, when public safety is imperiled, either
- 2 upon application of the mayor of a city, the sheriff of a county,
- 3 or the commissioner of the Michigan director of the department of
- 4 state police or upon his or her own volition, the governor may
- 5 proclaim a state of emergency and designate the area involved.
- 6 After making the proclamation or declaration, the governor may
- 7 promulgate reasonable orders, rules, and regulations as he or she
- 8 considers necessary to protect life and property or to bring the
- 9 emergency situation within the affected area under control. Those
- 10 orders, rules, and regulations may include, but are not limited to,
- 11 providing 1 or more of the following:
- 12 (a) Providing for the control of traffic, including public and
- 13 private transportation, within the area or any section of the area.
- (b) Designation of specific zones within the area in which
- 16 occupancy and use of buildings and ingress and egress of persons
- 17 and vehicles may be prohibited or regulated. ; control
- (c) Control of places of amusement and assembly and of persons
- 19 on public streets and thoroughfares. ; establishment
- 20 (d) Establishment of a curfew. ; control
- 21 (e) Control of the sale, transportation, and use of alcoholic
- 22 beverages and liquors. ; and control
- 23 (f) Control of the storage, use, and transportation of
- 24 explosives or inflammable materials or liquids deemed considered to
- 25 be dangerous to public safety.
- 26 (2) The Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
- 27 orders, rules, and regulations promulgated under subsection (1) are
- 28 effective from the date and in the manner prescribed in the orders,
- 29 rules, and regulations and shall be made public as provided in the



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- 1 orders, rules, and regulations. The orders, rules, and regulations
- 2 may be amended, modified, or rescinded, in the manner in which they
- 3 were promulgated, from time to time by the governor during the
- 4 pendency of the emergency, but shall cease to be in effect upon
- 5 declaration by the governor that the emergency no longer exists.
- 6 (3) Subsection (1) does not authorize the seizure, taking, or
- 7 confiscation of lawfully possessed firearms, ammunition, or other
- 8 weapons.
- 9 (4) A state of emergency declaration under this section and
- 10 any orders, rules, or regulations issued under that declaration
- 11 shall not extend any response time or otherwise limit the scope of
- 12 a public body's duties under the freedom of information act, 1976
- 13 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.