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**Am. H. B. No. 215**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 3701.353 of the Revised Code to 1  
enact The Business Fairness Act. 2

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

**Section 1.** That section 3701.353 of the Revised Code be 3  
enacted to read as follows: 4

**Sec. 3701.353.** Notwithstanding section 3701.352 of the 5  
Revised Code, a business does not violate that section and may 6  
continue or resume operations if both of the following are true: 7

(A) The business has been required to cease or limit 8  
operations by order or rule of the director or department of 9  
health that was issued under this chapter to prevent a threat to 10  
the public caused by a pandemic, epidemic, or bioterrorism 11  
event; 12

(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