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A BILL

To void the order of the Interim Director of Health 1
requiring the use of facial coverings throughout 2
the state and prohibit the Governor or other 3
administrative department heads from requiring 4
the use of facial coverings without approval by 5
the General Assembly. 6

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

Section 1. The "Director's Order for Facial Coverings 7
throughout the State of Ohio," issued July 23, 2020, by the 8
Interim Director of Health under section 3701.13 of the Revised 9
Code, is void. 10

Section 2. (A) As used in this section, "state agency" 11
means the offices of all statewide elected officers, and all 12
departments, boards, offices, commissions, agencies, and 13
instrumentalities of the state. 14

(B) Beginning on the effective date of this section and 15
during the period of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020- 16

01D, issued on March 9, 2020, the Governor or any state agency 17
shall not issue a statewide, regional, or countywide order, or 18
multiple orders that have the effect of creating a statewide or 19
regional order, requiring the wearing of facial coverings unless 20
the order is first approved by the General Assembly by adopting 21
a concurrent resolution. 22

(C) Beginning on the effective date of this section and 23
during the period of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020- 24
01D, issued on March 9, 2020, the Governor or any state agency 25
shall not issue an order requiring the wearing of facial 26
coverings in any specific county or counties. 27