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**A BILL**

To prohibit state agencies from charging a fee to 1  
professional license holders in relation to a 2  
business relocation during the COVID-19 declared 3  
state of emergency and to declare an emergency. 4

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

**Section 1.** (A) As used in this section, "state of 5  
emergency" means the state of emergency declared under Executive 6  
Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, to protect the well- 7  
being of Ohio citizens from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. 8

(B) Beginning on the effective date of this section and 9  
ending six months after the date the state of emergency ends, a 10  
state agency that issues a professional license, including all 11  
licenses issued under Title XLVII and licenses issued by the 12  
Department of Commerce, shall waive any fee associated with 13  
relocation if the license holder verifies that the relocation 14  
has been necessitated by the economic downturn attributable to 15  
COVID-19 and the state of emergency. 16

**Section 2.** This act is an emergency measure necessary for 17  
the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and 18  
safety. The reason for such necessity is to ease financial 19  
strain on businesses due to commercial decline caused by the 20  
restrictions and other precautions imposed as part of the state 21  
of emergency regarding COVID-19. Therefore, this act shall go 22  
into immediate effect. 23