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A BILL

To temporarily extend bar hours of operation, 1
exempt bars from statewide curfews, and declare 2
an emergency. 3

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

Section 1. (A) As used in this section: 4

(1) "Authorized hours of operation" means the hours of 5
operation, when a curfew is not in effect, during which a bar 6
may legally operate in accordance with its permit and Chapters 7
4301. and 4303. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under 8
those chapters. 9

(2) "Bar" means an establishment issued a valid A-1-A, A- 10
1c, or class D permit under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code. 11

(3) "Curfew" means a curfew that applies statewide and 12
that is established by an executive or health order or emergency 13
rule that restricts the authorized hours of operation of any bar 14
in this state. 15

(3) "Emergency rule" means a rule adopted under division 16
(B) (2) of section 111.15 or division (G) of section 119.03 of 17

the Administrative Code. 18

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 19
contrary, on the effective date of this section and for one year 20
thereafter, both of the following apply: 21

(1) No curfew shall be issued or established and any 22
curfew in existence on the effective date of this act shall have 23
no force and effect. 24

(2) A bar may operate one hour after the specified closing 25
time designated under its authorized hours of operation. 26

Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 27
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 28
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 29
provide economic relief to liquor permit holders as a result of 30
the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, this act shall go into 31
immediate effect. 32