SENATE BILL NO. 958

June 04, 2020, Introduced by Senator LASATA 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
- 4 emergency of that kind, when public safety is imperiled, either

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

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- 1 may be amended, modified, or rescinded, in the manner in which they
- 2 were promulgated, from time to time by the governor during the
- 3 pendency of the emergency, but shall cease to be in effect upon
- 4 declaration by the governor that the emergency no longer exists.
- 5 (3) Subsection (1) does not authorize the seizure, taking, or
- 6 confiscation of lawfully possessed firearms, ammunition, or other
- 7 weapons.
- 8 (4) If the governor declares a state of emergency under this
- 9 section and intends to issue any orders, rules, or regulations
- 10 under that declaration, the governor shall consider how different
- 11 counties in this state will be affected and shall consult with
- 12 public officials and community leaders in each of those counties
- 13 before issuing that order, rule, or regulation. If any order, rule,
- 14 or regulation includes a stay-at-home requirement, then a county
- 15 may petition the governor to release that county from the stay-at-
- 16 home requirement if the county details in its petition how it will
- 17 protect the public health in that county.