

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 308

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLEY (127).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 192.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to orders to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 192.020, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 192.020, to read as follows:

192.020. 1. It shall be the general duty and responsibility of the department of health and senior services to safeguard the health of the people in the state and all its subdivisions. It shall make a study of the causes and prevention of diseases. It shall designate those diseases which are infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous in their nature and shall make and enforce adequate orders, findings, rules and regulations to prevent the spread of such diseases and to determine the prevalence of such diseases within the state. It shall have power and authority, with approval of the director of the department, to make such orders, findings, rules and regulations as will prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious and communicable diseases into the state.

2. The department of health and senior services shall include in its list of communicable or infectious diseases which must be reported to the department methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae (CRE) as specified by the department, and vancomycin-resistant enterococcus (VRE).

**3. (1) For purposes of this subsection, the following terms mean:**

**(a) "House of worship", the same meaning given to the term in section 574.035;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16           **(b) "Social distancing requirement", any limitation on the number of individuals**  
17 **allowed to gather in a single space at the same time or any requirement to maintain a**  
18 **certain amount of space between individuals.**

19           **(2) Houses of worship shall be exempt from any social distancing requirement**  
20 **contained in any order or rule or regulation issued under the authority of this section by**  
21 **a local health authority or by the department of health and senior services or any other**  
22 **department or instrumentality of the state.**

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