

# HOUSE BILL NO. 696

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGIRL.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to contagious illnesses.

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

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 192.023, to read as follows:

**192.023. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:**

**(1) "Government entity", any agency or instrumentality of the state government or any political subdivision including, but not limited to, county and city health authorities, governing bodies of counties and cities, and school boards of school districts;**

**(2) "Public health order", any order, ordinance, rule, or regulation made with the powers granted under chapter 44 or section 192.020 or 192.300 that is intended to prevent or limit the spread of a contagious illness.**

**2. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 44 or any other provision of law, a government entity shall not issue a public health order or any other order that closes a business in order to prevent or limit the spread of a contagious illness if the business is a type of business determined by the department of health and senior services to account for less than five percent of cases of the contagious illness in a typical community.**

**3. During a statewide pandemic, the department of health and senior services shall classify businesses by type and determine the appropriate percentage for each type by using data provided by any local, state, or federal entity conducting contact tracing or studies of community spread. The department of health and senior services shall review**

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.

17 relevant data monthly and update the percentages as necessary. The department of health  
18 and senior services shall post the percentage for each type of business on its website.

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