

HB 444 -- COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

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Currently, county commissions and county health center boards are authorized to make orders, ordinances, rules or regulations to enhance the public health and prohibit the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases into the county, with certain restrictions.

The bill provides that before the adoption of such orders, the Health Center Board must submit such orders to the governing body of the county or political subdivision. The governing body must, within 30 days, either reject or modify such orders, ordinances, rules, or regulations.

Additionally, the bill provides that before the adoption of such orders, the County Commission or Health Center Board must issue a public notice of the proposed orders and allow public comment for 30 days. The County Commission or County Health Center Board may hold a non-contested hearing on the proposed order. However, if there is a declared state of emergency, a county commission or health center board does not need to issue a public notice.

This bill is similar to SB 20 (2021).