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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Governor and
9 Legislature are each authorized to declare a state
10 of emergency. During a state of emergency, the
11 Governor, state departments and agencies, and local
12 governing bodies are authorized to issue emergency
13 orders, rules, or regulations, including orders,
14 rules, or regulations that require businesses and
15 other entities to implement certain safety
16 precautions in order to operate.

17 This bill would provide that, during a state
18 of emergency involving a pandemic, epidemic,
19 bioterrorism event, or the appearance of a novel or
20 previously controlled or eradicated infectious
21 disease or biological toxin, any business or a
22 church, mosque, synagogue, or other bona fide
23 religious institution may continue or resume those
24 business or religious operations if the business or
25 religious entity complies with any applicable
26 emergency order, rule, or regulation issued by the
27 Governor, a state department or agency, or a local

1 governing body which authorizes other business
2 entities to operate under certain safety
3 precautions.

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5 A BILL
6 TO BE ENTITLED
7 AN ACT

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9 Relating to the Alabama Emergency Management Act of
10 1955; to provide for the continued operation of business and
11 religious entities during a state of emergency declared under
12 certain conditions.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. During the existence of a state of
15 emergency declared pursuant to Section 31-9-8, Code of Alabama
16 1975, a business entity or a church, mosque, synagogue, or
17 other bona fide religious institution may continue or resume
18 its business or religious operations if the business entity or
19 religious institution complies with all of the safety
20 precautions issued by the Governor, a state department or
21 agency, or a county or municipal governing body or agency
22 thereof under the authority of the Alabama Emergency
23 Management Act of 1955, Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 31,
24 Code of Alabama 1975, to prevent a threat to the public caused
25 by a pandemic, epidemic, or bioterrorism event, or the
26 appearance of a novel or previously controlled or eradicated
27 infectious agent or biological toxin.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.