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. B. No.

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line _____ of the title, after "_____" insert "to authorize the Director of Environmental Protection to issue certain orders to public water systems during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 1, 2020, if the period of emergency continues beyond that date, and to declare an emergency"

After line _____, insert:

"Section 1. (A) For purposes of ensuring the supply of safe drinking water to the citizens of this state and pursuant to section 6109.04 of the Revised Code, during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 1, 2020, if the period of the emergency continues beyond that date, the Director of Environmental Protection may issue an order that does any of the following:

(1) Requires a public water system to restore service to any customer whose service was disconnected as a result of nonpayment of fees and charges;

(2) Requires a public water system to waive all fees for connection or reconnection to the public water system;

(3) Prohibits a public water system from disconnecting customers because of nonpayment of fees and charges.

(B) An order issued under division (A) of this section is 23
 deemed an order issued under Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code. 24
 As such, the order may be enforced in the same manner as any 25
 other order issued under that chapter. Such enforcement may 26
 include the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal 27
 penalties authorized under Chapter 6109. of the Revised Code. 28

(C) An order issued under division (A) of this section is 29
 valid during the period of the emergency declared by Executive 30
 Order 2020-01D issued on March 9, 2020, but not beyond December 31
 1, 2020, if the period of the emergency continues beyond that 32
 date." 33

After line _____, insert: 34

"Section 2. This act is an emergency measure necessary for 35
 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and 36
 safety. The reason for such necessity is that immediate action 37
 is crucial to protecting the public health during an outbreak of 38
 COVID-19. Therefore, this act goes into immediate effect." 39

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 40

Drinking water access 41

Sections 1 and 2 42

Authorizes the Director of Environmental Protection 43
 (during a state of emergency declared by the Governor under 44
 Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, but not 45
 beyond December 1, 2020, if the period of emergency continues 46
 beyond that date) to issue an order that does any of the 47

following:	48
1. Requires a public water system to restore service to any customer whose service was disconnected as a result of nonpayment of fees and charges;	49 50 51
2. Requires a public water system to waive all fees for connection or reconnection; and	52 53
3. Prohibits a public water system from disconnecting customers because of nonpayment of fees and charges.	54 55
Specifies that an order issued under the amendment may be enforced in the same manner as any other order issued under the Safe Drinking Water Law, including the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal penalties.	56 57 58 59
Specifies that the order is valid during the emergency period declared by the Governor, but not beyond December 1, 2020, if the period of emergency continues beyond that date.	60 61 62
Declares an emergency.	63