

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to personal protective equipment;
 3 amending s. 252.35, F.S.; requiring the Division of
 4 Emergency Management to take certain action to ensure
 5 the availability of personal protective equipment
 6 during a declared emergency caused by an infectious or
 7 communicable disease; requiring that such equipment be
 8 available for purchase at certain cost by specified
 9 persons and entities; prohibiting such equipment from
 10 being resold at certain prices; providing an effective
 11 date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Paragraph (z) is added to subsection (2) of
 16 section 252.35, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 252.35 Emergency management powers; Division of Emergency
 18 Management.—

19 (2) The division is responsible for carrying out the
 20 provisions of ss. 252.31-252.90. In performing its duties, the
 21 division shall:

22 (z) Complete an inventory of personal protective
 23 equipment, such as respirators, gloves, gowns, and masks, to
 24 protect the wearer from illness during a declared emergency
 25 caused by an infectious or communicable disease, that are held

26 | in reserve. The division must plan for and procure personal
27 | protective equipment, or have sufficient standby logistic
28 | contracts in place, that will ensure the availability of
29 | personal protective equipment, in the event of a declared
30 | emergency caused by an infectious or communicable disease. Such
31 | personal protective equipment shall be available for purchase by
32 | a healthcare practitioner as defined in s. 456.001 or an
33 | employer of a health care practitioner at the cost procured or
34 | negotiated by the division and may not be resold at a price that
35 | exceeds the purchase price.

36 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.