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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; authorizing the continued operation of businesses  
1.3 during the COVID-19 pandemic with the use of a COVID-19 preparedness plan.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **REOPENING OF BUSINESSES FOR SAFE OPERATION DURING**  
1.6 **COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

1.7 Notwithstanding Executive Order 20-04, as extended, amended, and otherwise modified  
1.8 by Executive Order 20-08, Executive Order 20-18, Executive Order 20-33, and any related  
1.9 executive orders issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 12.21 or 12.31, a business  
1.10 closed to ingress, egress, use, and occupancy by members of the public pursuant to the  
1.11 executive orders listed may operate provided that the business: (1) develops a COVID-19  
1.12 preparedness plan as provided by the commissioner of labor and industry, which shall: (i)  
1.13 provide site-specific best practices for the business including, but not limited to, health and  
1.14 wellness; social distancing; cleaning, sanitation, and protection; and operations and  
1.15 communications for employees and members of the public; and (ii) address occupancy for  
1.16 the business in order to accommodate social distancing and safety for employees and  
1.17 members of the public; and (2) provides a statement that the business will meet any testing  
1.18 protocols established and comply with any COVID-19-related workplace safety  
1.19 recommendations and guidance provided by the Minnesota Department of Health and the  
1.20 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assist businesses and employers in providing  
1.21 a safe and healthful workplace and business operation. No board or licensing agency may  
1.22 impose any additional penalties for a violation of the governor's emergency executive orders.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.