

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 273 requires any proclamation of a state emergency to include if it is to address public disorder, a natural or man-made disaster or riots, as well as the immediate steps being taken to address the state of emergency and the projected duration of the state of emergency. The measure provides that no state of emergency may last longer than 2 weeks unless the majority of the governing body of an affected municipality affirmatively votes to request the Governor extend the state of emergency, the majority of the county commissioners of an affected county vote to request the Governor extend the state of emergency, or for any statewide emergency, a majority of the Legislature gathered in normal or special session votes to request the Governor extend the state of emergency. The measure also strikes language prohibiting the sale of alcohol, the assembly of a certain number of persons as determined by the Governor, the prohibition of certain activities deemed by the Governor to run contrary to the maintenance of public order and safety, and the sale of other goods determined by the Governor to harm public health and safety during the state of emergency. The measure also provides that prohibitions authorized by the amended law must be specified in the executive order proclaiming the emergency. Additionally, the measure specifies that self-defense against attacks initiated by others shall not constitute initiating fighting during an emergency.

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