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**Prime Sponsor:** Barlow

**Catch Title:** Public health amendments.

**Subject:** Public health amendments.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- This act amends how certain public health orders may be issued. The act applies to each public health order that restricts individuals' movements or their ability to engage in an activity, that applies to individuals not under an isolation or quarantine order, and that is designed to prevent or limit the transmission of a contagious or possibly contagious disease. These orders, whether issued by the State Health Officer or a local health officer, are limited to ten (10) days. Subsequent orders, including order extensions, for the same or substantially same purpose may be issued as follows:
  - For orders of the State Health Officer, the Governor may issue subsequent orders not to exceed sixty (60) days;
  - For orders of local health officers, locally elected governing bodies can issue subsequent orders.
- For certain orders issued by local health officers, the act requires forty-eight (48) hours' notice to the public and an opportunity to comment.
- This act also amends provisions governing the appointment and oversight of the State Health Officer. The act requires the Governor to appoint the State Health Officer. The act provides that either the Governor or the Director of the Department of Health may remove the State Health Officer. The act removes the option of the Director of the Department of Health to also serve as the State Health Officer.

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