

By Senator Albritton

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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 complete an inventory of
5 personal protective equipment; requiring the division
6 to take certain action to ensure the availability of
7 personal protective equipment during a declared
8 emergency caused by an infectious or communicable
9 disease; requiring that such equipment be available
10 for purchase at a certain cost by specified persons
11 and entities; prohibiting such equipment from being
12 resold at certain prices; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (z) is added to subsection (2) of
17 section 252.35, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

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

23 (z) Complete an inventory of personal protective equipment,
24 such as respirators, gloves, gowns, and masks, that are used to
25 protect the wearer from illness during a declared emergency
26 caused by an infectious or communicable disease, which are held
27 in reserve. The division must plan for and procure personal
28 protective equipment, or have sufficient standby logistic
29 contracts in place that will ensure the availability of personal

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30 protective equipment, in the event of a declared emergency
31 caused by an infectious or communicable disease. Such personal
32 protective equipment shall be available for purchase by a health
33 care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001 or an employer of a
34 health care practitioner at the cost procured or negotiated by
35 the division and may not be resold at a price that exceeds the
36 purchase price.

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