

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to emergency powers during a declared  
3       public health emergency; amending s. 381.00315, F.S.;  
4       revising requirements for the declaration of a public  
5       health emergency; providing an effective date.

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7   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section**  
10 **381.00315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

11       381.00315 Public health advisories; public health  
12 emergencies; isolation and quarantines.—The State Health Officer  
13 is responsible for declaring public health emergencies, issuing  
14 public health advisories, and ordering isolation or quarantines.

15       (2)

16       (b) Before declaring a public health emergency, the State  
17 Health Officer shall, ~~to the extent possible,~~ consult with the  
18 Governor and shall notify the Chief of Domestic Security. ~~The~~  
19 ~~declaration of a public health emergency shall continue until~~  
20 ~~the State Health Officer finds that the threat or danger has~~  
21 ~~been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no~~  
22 ~~longer exist and he or she terminates the declaration. However,~~  
23 A declaration of a public health emergency expires ~~may not~~  
24 ~~continue for longer than~~ 60 days after the declaration unless  
25 the Governor concurs in the renewal of the declaration, which

26 shall extend the expiration of the declaration for 30 days. Any  
27 subsequent renewals of the declaration must be approved by a  
28 two-thirds majority vote of each house of the Legislature before  
29 the declaration expires, with each renewal extending the  
30 expiration of the declaration for 30 days. A declaration of a  
31 public health emergency automatically terminates if it is not  
32 timely renewed before its expiration in accordance with this  
33 paragraph. Without subsequent authorization by general law, the  
34 Governor or State Health Officer may not renew a declaration, or  
35 declare a public health emergency that is substantially similar  
36 to one that expired, without legislative approval. However, the  
37 Governor may renew a declaration based on significantly changed  
38 circumstances for a single period of up to 3 days if the  
39 Governor calls upon the Legislature to reconsider the  
40 declaration and the changed circumstances.

41       **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.