

1 HB447  
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3 By Representative Garrett  
4 RFD: Health  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a county health officer  
9 may issue an order or directive meant to control or  
10 abate a pandemic or outbreak of a disease during a  
11 public health state of emergency.

12 This bill would prohibit a county health  
13 officer, during a state of emergency, from issuing  
14 an order or directive that relates to the control  
15 of a pandemic or outbreak of a disease unless the  
16 State Health Officer provides written approval of  
17 the order or directive.

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19 A BILL  
20 TO BE ENTITLED  
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23 Relating to county health officers; to prohibit a  
24 county health officer, during a state of emergency, from  
25 issuing an order or directive that relates to the control of a  
26 pandemic or outbreak of a disease unless approved by the State  
27 Health Officer.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. During a state of emergency declared  
3 pursuant to Section 31-9-8, Code of Alabama 1975, in response  
4 to a pandemic or outbreak of a disease, a county health  
5 officer may issue an order or directive that relates to the  
6 control, prevention, or minimization of the pandemic or  
7 outbreak, provided the State Health Officer has reviewed and  
8 provided written approval of the order or directive prior to  
9 its issuance.

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
11 first day of the third month following its passage and  
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.