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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
21 AN ACT
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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.