

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 967  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2021; March 11, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;  
 1-4 March 26, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 26, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the expiration and extension of certain public health  
 1-20 orders issued by a health authority.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 121, Health and Safety  
 1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 121.026 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 121.026. EXPIRATION AND EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC  
 1-25 HEALTH ORDERS ISSUED BY HEALTH AUTHORITY. (a) This section applies  
 1-26 only to a public health order imposed on more than one individual,  
 1-27 animal, place, or object.

1-28 (b) A public health order issued by a health authority under  
 1-29 this chapter or other law expires on the eighth day following the  
 1-30 date the order is issued unless, before the eighth day, the  
 1-31 governing body of a municipality or the commissioners court of a  
 1-32 county that appointed the health authority by majority vote extends  
 1-33 the order for a longer period.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 121.026, Health and Safety Code, as  
 1-35 added by this Act, applies only to a public health order issued by a  
 1-36 health authority on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
 1-37 public health order issued by a health authority before the  
 1-38 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the  
 1-39 public health order was issued, and the former law is continued in  
 1-40 effect for that purpose.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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