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H.B. No. 1978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a state of disaster declared by the governor because of  
3 COVID-19.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 418.014, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

7 (f) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the governor may not  
8 declare a state of disaster because of COVID-19. In this  
9 subsection, "COVID-19" means the coronavirus disease 2019.

10 SECTION 2. As provided by Section 418.014(c), Government  
11 Code, the state of disaster declared by the governor in Tex. Gov.  
12 Proclamation No. 41-3720, 45 Tex. Reg. 2094 (2020), as renewed, is  
13 terminated.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.