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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Labor and Industry Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to business operation; creating a timeline for ending restrictions on
1.3 businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **TIMELINE FOR ENDING RESTRICTIONS ON BUSINESSES DURING**
1.6 **THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Executive orders.** Notwithstanding any conflicting provisions of an
1.8 executive order to the contrary, this section governs the operation of private businesses in
1.9 the state as of the dates indicated. At all times and until repealed by law or rescinded by the
1.10 governor, all provisions of an executive order not in conflict with these guidelines continue
1.11 to apply.

1.12 Subd. 2. **The day following final enactment.** The day following final enactment of this
1.13 section:

1.14 (1) bars and restaurants may operate at 75 percent capacity for both indoor and outdoor
1.15 dining, as long as parties are separated by six feet of distance. Parties are limited to ten
1.16 people for table seating and two people for bar seating. Food and beverage service must
1.17 stop by 10:00 p.m. each night;

1.18 (2) indoor and outdoor events, including weddings, may be held with attendance limited
1.19 to 50 percent of the capacity of the space, as long as parties from different households are
1.20 separated by six feet of distance. Total attendance may not exceed 100 people and events
1.21 must end by 10:00 p.m.;

1.22 (3) even when telework is feasible, it is no longer mandatory; and

2.1 (4) pools, gyms, and fitness centers may operate at 50 percent capacity, as long as
2.2 individuals are separated by nine feet of distance. Masks are not required to be worn during
2.3 exercise.

2.4 Subd. 3. **30 days following final enactment.** Thirty days following final enactment of
2.5 this section:

2.6 (1) bars and restaurants may operate normally;

2.7 (2) indoor and outdoor events, including weddings, may be held with attendance limited
2.8 to 75 percent of the capacity of the space. Total attendance may not exceed 250 people and
2.9 events must end by midnight;

2.10 (3) hair salons may operate at 75 percent capacity;

2.11 (4) movie theaters may operate at 75 percent capacity; and

2.12 (5) pools, gyms, and fitness centers may operate at 75 percent capacity.

2.13 Subd. 4. **60 days following final enactment.** Sixty days following final enactment of
2.14 this section, all businesses and events may operate normally.

2.15 Subd. 5. **Alteration of timeline.** A body composed of the governor and the leaders of
2.16 the majority and largest minority parties of the house of representatives and senate may at
2.17 any time vote to delay or advance the timeline established under this section. Alteration of
2.18 the timeline under this section requires the agreement of four of the five members of this
2.19 body.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.