January 21, 2022 - Introduced by Senators WIMBERGER, STAFHOLT, FELZKOWSKI, BALLWEG, FEYEN, WANGGAARD, KOOYENGA, BRADLEY, MARKLEIN and BERNIER, cosponsored by Representatives SWEARINGEN, SUMMERFIELD, BEHNKE, JAMES, ARMSTRONG, GUNDRUM, PLUMER, AUGUST, KNODL, DITTRICH, CABRAL-GUEVARA, SCHRAA, VOS, STEINEKE, EDLING, PRONSCINSKE, DUCHOW, PENTERMAN, SORTWELL, MOSES and ALLEN. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Small Business and Rural Issues.

1 **AN ACT** to create 323.225 of the statutes; relating to: emergency power to regulate businesses.

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**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

This bill limits the use of emergency powers during emergencies. Under the bill, no business may be declared essential or nonessential, and any action or regulation of a business relating to an emergency must be applied to all businesses uniformly without regard for the type of business or the product or service provided by the business.

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The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 323.225 of the statutes is created to read:

4 **323.225 Prohibition against closing businesses.** During an emergency declared under s. 323.10 or 323.11, no business may be declared essential or nonessential, and any action or regulation of a business relating to an emergency
shall be applied to all businesses uniformly without regard for type of business or the product or service provided by the business.