



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 912

January 28, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives SWEARINGEN, EDMING, ARMSTRONG, AUGUST, BEHNKE, CABRAL-GUEVARA, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, GUNDRUM, JAMES, KNODL, PLUMER, PRONSHINSKE, SCHRAA, STEINEKE, SUMMERFIELD, VOS and BROOKS, cosponsored by Senators WIMBERGER, STAFSHOLT, BALLWEG, BRADLEY, FELZKOWSKI, FEYEN, KOOYENGA, MARKLEIN and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Small Business Development.

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

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.

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
5 declared under s. 323.10 or 323.11, no business may be declared essential or
6 nonessential, and any action or regulation of a business relating to an emergency

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1 shall be applied to all businesses uniformly without regard for type of business or the
2 product or service provided by the business.

3 (END)