SUMMARY: House Bill 2376, Printer's Number 3566, amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) regarding retail store closures during declaration of disaster emergency and to allow the re-opening of operations if certain requirements are met.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to insert a new Section 7309 addressing retail store closures during a declaration of disaster emergency. It states that the Governor may not close a retail store during a declaration of disaster emergency under section 7301 if the retail store:

1. restricts access during a declaration of disaster emergency to one customer in the retail store facility at a time; and
2. restricts store operations to one employee in the retail store facility at a time.

Section 7310 is also added allowing for profit and not-for-profit corporations that comply with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to offer contactless and curbside business operations during a declaration of disaster emergency under the general authority of the Governor.

All regulations and parts of regulations are abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with these provisions.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.