



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 747

PRINTERS NO. 1018

PRIME SPONSOR: Roae

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 747, Printer's Number 1018, amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) providing for retail store operations during the declaration of disaster emergency.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to insert Section 7309 addressing retail store operations 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 is able to provide any of the following services:

- (1) restricting access during a declaration of disaster emergency to one customer and one employee at a time.
- (2) contactless curbside retail store operations.

If a retail store remains open during the emergency, the store:

- (1) Shall adhere to federal and state guidelines to protect the store's customers and employees;
- (2) May maintain employees necessary to support taking orders through online, telephone or other means when personal interaction is limited;
- (3) May provide contactless local delivery and curbside pick-up service of orders; and
- (4) May prohibit cash payments for transactions, if necessary, to provide safety to customers during the declaration of disaster emergency.

Any violation would result in an immediate suspension of business operations. All regulations and parts of regulations are abrogated to the extent they are inconsistent with these provisions.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

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

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DATE: April 21, 2021

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