

HCS HB 1358 -- CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (Baker)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Litigation Reform

The bill creates the "True COVID Liability Act" and contains declarative statements regarding epidemiology, public policy relating to contagious diseases including COVID-19, susceptibility to contagious diseases, personal accountability, legal liability and government-mandated responses as outlined.

The bill prohibits the state or any political subdivision thereof from, as a response to a contagious disease, quarantining an individual in any way; limiting the use of otherwise lawful activities in any private property or premises in which extraordinary prevalence of a contagious disease has not been proven; revoking any business license based on an individual's or entity's decision regarding recommendations from a government or scientific entity.

No individual, owner, or entity shall be subject to criminal or civil liability in any action alleging exposure to a contagious disease on premises controlled by such person unless they knowingly and purposely, exposed an individual to a contagious disease where such exposure caused the exposed individual to suffer from a clinical disease.

The bill contains an emergency clause.