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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 262**  
**102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to COVID-19 health orders.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 192.257, to read as follows:

**192.257. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:**

(1) "COVID-19 health order", any order, ordinance, rule, or regulation made by a state, county, city, or local government entity, department, or agency with or without the powers granted under the Constitution of Missouri or any state law, including, but not limited to, chapter 44 or section 192.020 or 192.300, that is intended to prevent or limit the spread of COVID-19;

(2) "Local public health agency", a county health center board established under chapter 205, a county health department, a city health department or agency, a combined city and county health department or agency, a multicounty health department or agency, or any other county or city health authority.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 44 or any other provision of law, a local public health agency that imposed a fine or other monetary penalty against an individual, a business, or a church after March 12, 2020, and before the effective date of this section, for a failure to comply with a COVID-19 health order shall return all moneys collected from the individual, business, or church as a result of the fine or monetary penalty. The local public health agency shall return such moneys before November 1, 2023.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **3. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 44 or any other provision of law, a**  
19 **local public health agency that imposes a fine or other monetary penalty against an**  
20 **individual, a business, or a church on or after the effective date of this section for a**  
21 **failure to comply with a COVID-19 health order shall return all moneys collected from**  
22 **the individual, business, or church as a result of the fine or monetary penalty, including**  
23 **court costs and legal fees of up to two hundred fifty dollars per penalty imposed. The**  
24 **local public health agency shall return such moneys within sixty days of the collection of**  
25 **the moneys.**

26           **4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any fine or monetary penalty**  
27 **that is not directly related to a failure to comply with a COVID-19 health order, except**  
28 **that the provisions of this section shall apply to such fine or monetary penalty if the local**  
29 **public health agency amended the original basis for the fine or monetary penalty from a**  
30 **failure to comply with a COVID-19 health order to a failure to comply with any other**  
31 **law that imposes a municipal fine or monetary penalty for its violation.**

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