AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR ENTITIES THAT HAVE OPERATED PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health Organization as a communicable respiratory disease;

(2) "Entity" means (A) any individual or sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation, trust, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint stock company, joint venture, association or other legal entity through which business for profit or not-for-profit is conducted; or (B) any public agency, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes; and

(3) "Time period of the COVID-19 pandemic" means the time period covered by the public health and civil preparedness emergencies
declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, or any extension of such declarations, or any new public health or civil preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak in this state.

(b) No entity may be held liable for any loss, damage, injury or death arising from exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 on the premises of the entity during the time period of the COVID-19 pandemic, provided such entity substantially complied with applicable health and safe operation guidelines contained in the executive orders issued by the Governor and guidance issued by the Department of Public Health applicable to such entity and premises, unless such loss, damage, injury or death is caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the entity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | from passage | New section |

Statement of Purpose:
To provide immunity from civil liability to entities that have operated pursuant to health and safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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