

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 544, Page 85, Section 17, Line 41, by
2 inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "Section 18. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

5 (1) "Benefit", any entitlement to services or monetary compensation. The term
6 "benefit" includes, but is not limited to, child care services, workers' compensation, and any
7 entitlement to a legal presumption or tool that increases access to the services or monetary
8 compensation;

9 (2) "Essential worker", a worker deemed essential during a state of emergency
10 declared under chapter 44 including, but not limited to, a grocery store employee who must
11 work while state or local government officials are encouraging or ordering residents of
12 Missouri to avoid congregating in groups or large crowds;

13 (3) "First responder", a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical
14 technician (EMT), as such occupations are defined in section 287.243.

15 2. For the duration of a state of emergency declared under chapter 44, essential
16 workers shall receive all benefits to which first responders are entitled under state law
17 including, but not limited to, any waivers of state laws or regulations made as a result of the
18 emergency."; and

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20 Further amend said bill, Page 90, Section D, Line 4, by inserting after all of said section and line the
21 following:

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23 "Section E. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that all essential workers
24 receive the same benefits of first responders during a declared emergency under chapter 44, the
25 enactment of section 18 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 health, welfare, peace, and safety, and the enactment of section 18 of this act is hereby declared to
27 be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 18 of this
28 act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval."; and

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30 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
31 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____