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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Contract Review
6 Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee reviews
7 contracts for personal or professional services with
8 private entities and individuals which are paid out of
9 state funds. A contract is exempt from review by the
10 committee if the head of the contracting agency
11 declares that an emergency adversely affecting public
12 health, public safety, or public welfare exists.

13 This bill would require the Governor, for
14 contracts with executive branch agencies, to justify
15 the emergency in order to exempt the contracts from
16 contract review.

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to contract review; to amend Section
24 29-2-41.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to impose additional
25 requirements before certain contracts may be considered
26 emergency contracts exempt from review by the Contract Review
27 Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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Section 1. Section 29-2-41.1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§29-2-41.1

(a) In case of an emergency adversely affecting public health, public safety, or public welfare of the state, so declared in writing by the Chief Procurement Officer or the head of a purchasing agency, as defined under Section 41-4-114, setting forth the nature of the danger to public health, public safety, or public welfare of the state, contracts may be let to the extent necessary to meet the emergency without review by the committee.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), for any contract where the purchasing agency is in the executive branch, in addition to the written declaration required under subsection (a), a contract may be let to the extent necessary to meet an emergency without review by the committee only if the Governor, prior to the contract going into effect, certifies to the committee that the nature of the danger to public health, public safety, or public welfare justifies the need for an emergency contract. For purposes of this subsection, executive branch agencies include all licensing boards.

(c) Any contract let pursuant to this section involving an emergency adversely affecting the public welfare of the state shall be let for a period of not more than 60 days during which time the committee shall review a contract for a longer period of time if such services are required beyond the 60-day limit hereby imposed."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October



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