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## DIGEST

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HB 27 Original

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Zeringue

**Abstract:** Exempts businesses from paying fees to state agencies during a state of emergency.

Present law authorizes the governor or a parish president to declare a state of emergency pursuant to the La. Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act.

Present law authorizes the governor to declare a state of public health emergency pursuant to the La. Health Emergency Powers Act.

Proposed law provides that during a state of emergency or public health emergency, a business physically located within the designated emergency area shall be exempt from the payment of any fee, including a licensing fee, occupational fee, certification fee, or permitting fee, payable to any state agency that is attributable to the business's operation within the designated emergency area.

Proposed law provides that the fee exemption shall extend until one year after the termination of the state of emergency. The Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget may further extend the exemption.

Proposed law provides that the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget may create an exception to the exemption for a certain fee or allow an extension of the due date for a certain fee upon a showing by the agency that such fee is necessary to fund the agency's operations.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 29:732.1 and 776)