

Senate Bill 200

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Jackson of the 2nd, Mullis of the 53rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to emergency powers of the governor, so as to provide that certain
3 business and religious institutions may continue or resume operations if in compliance with
4 applicable safety procedures during certain states of emergency; to provide for related
5 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to emergency powers of the governor, is amended by adding a new Code Section to
10 read as follows:

11 "38-3-59.

12 During a state of emergency declared pursuant to this article to address or prevent a threat
13 to the public caused by a pandemic, epidemic, bioterrorism event, or the appearance of a
14 novel or previously controlled or eradicated infectious agent or biological toxin, a business,
15 church, mosque, synagogue, or other bona fide religious institution may continue or resume
16 its business or religious operations if such business or religious institution complies with

17 all safety precautions and procedures issued or ordered by the Governor, a state department
18 or agency, or a county or municipal government under the authority of this article."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.