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A Bill

SENATE BILL 590

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO END MANDATORY FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS IN
9 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO END MANDATORY FACE COVERING
14 REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS;
15 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Ending of mandatory
22 face covering requirements.

23 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

24 (1) On July 16, 2020, Governor Asa Hutchinson issued Executive
25 Order 20-43, which required the Secretary of the Department of Health to
26 issue a public health directive requiring every person in Arkansas to wear a
27 face covering over the mouth and nose in:

28 (A) All indoor environments where a person would be
29 exposed to nonhousehold members and distancing of six feet (6') or more
30 cannot be assured; and

31 (B) All outdoor settings where there is exposure to
32 nonhousehold members unless ample space of six feet (6') or more exists to
33 practice physical distancing;

34 (2) On February 26, 2021, the Governor announced that the public
35 health emergency was extended and that the Governor was continuing the face
36 covering requirements until March 31, 2021; and



