

1 SB184
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3 By Senator Shelnutt
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the State Health Officer
9 and a county health officer each have the authority
10 to issue an order or directive meant to control or
11 abate an epidemic or outbreak of a disease during a
12 public health state of emergency.

13 This bill would prohibit a county health
14 officer, during a state of emergency, from issuing
15 an order or directive that relates to the control
16 of an epidemic or outbreak of a disease if the
17 State Health Officer has issued a statewide order
18 or directive to control, prevent, or minimize the
19 epidemic or outbreak.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT
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25 Relating to county health officers; to prohibit a
26 county health officer, during a state of emergency, from
27 issuing an order or directive that relates to the control of

1 an epidemic or outbreak of a disease if the State Health
2 Officer has issued a statewide order or directive.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. During a state of emergency declared
5 pursuant to Section 31-9-8, Code of Alabama 1975, in response
6 to an epidemic or outbreak of a disease, a county health
7 officer may not issue any order or directive that relates to
8 the control, prevention, or minimization of the epidemic or
9 outbreak if the State Health Officer, pursuant to his or her
10 authority granted under Title 22, Code of Alabama 1975, has
11 issued any statewide order or directive that relates to the
12 control, prevention, or minimization of the epidemic or
13 outbreak.

14 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
15 first day of the third month following its passage and
16 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.