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A BILL

To allow the Ohio Public Works Commission, the Ohio
Water Development Authority, the Ohio
Environmental Protection Agency, county
auditors, and county recorders, during the state
of emergency due to COVID-19, to waive certain
penalties and late fees, suspend certain
reporting requirements, and waive electronic
recording fees, and to declare an emergency. 1
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. During the period of the emergency declared by
Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, all of the
following apply: 9
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(A) Notwithstanding Chapter 164. of the Revised Code or
any other provision of law to the contrary, the Ohio Public
Works Commission may automatically extend project schedules. The
extension shall be for a duration determined by the Commission.
The Commission shall not provide for an extension if federal law
does not provide for or allow an extension regarding any
particular project. The Commission also may waive penalties and 12
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late fees owed to the Commission from the issuance of 19
outstanding loans. 20

(B) Notwithstanding Chapter 6121. or Chapter 6123. of the 21
Revised Code or any other provision of law to the contrary, the 22
Ohio Water Development Authority may waive penalties and late 23
fees owed to the Authority from the issuance of outstanding 24
loans. 25

(C) Notwithstanding Chapter 3734., Chapter 3745., or 26
Chapter 6119. of the Revised Code or any other provision of law 27
to the contrary, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency may 28
waive penalties or late fees owed to the Agency from the 29
issuance of outstanding loans or permits. The Agency also may 30
suspend reporting requirements for a water research recovery 31
facility or solid waste facility. 32

(D) Notwithstanding section 319.54 of the Revised Code or 33
any other provision of law to the contrary, a county auditor may 34
waive any electronic filing or recording fees. 35

(E) Notwithstanding section 317.32 of the Revised Code or 36
any other provision of law to the contrary, a county recorder 37
may waive any electronic filing or recording fees. 38

Section 2. This act is an emergency measure necessary for 39
the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and 40
safety. The reason for such necessity is that immediate action 41
is crucial to protecting the public health during an outbreak of 42
COVID-19. Therefore, this act goes into immediate effect. 43