



Roy Cooper, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 258, "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AMUSEMENT PARKS, GAMING AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH VIDEO GAMES AND ARCADE GAMES, FAIRS OR CARNIVALS, AND VENUES FOR RECEPTIONS OR PARTIES TO RESUME OPERATIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE OUTDOOR STADIUM OPERATING RESTAURANTS TO OFFER AND OPERATE OUTDOOR DINING AND BEVERAGE SERVICE OPTIONS WHILE ALSO SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID 19)."

Tying the hands of public health officials in times of pandemic is dangerous, especially when case counts and hospitalizations are rising. State and local officials must be able to take swift action during the COVID-19 emergency to prevent a surge of patients from overwhelming hospitals and endangering the lives of North Carolinians. The bill could restrict leaders who need to respond quickly to outbreaks and protect public health and safety.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

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Roy Cooper
Governor

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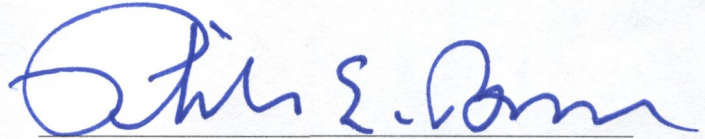
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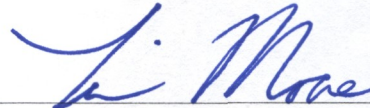
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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 2nd day of July 2020, at 1:40 pm for reconsideration by that body.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of June, 2020.




Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

VETO
Roy Cooper



Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2020

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