

Codebook for Public Health Authority Limits

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that details state legislation limiting the emergency public health authority of state governors, state health officials, and local health officials. This is a longitudinal dataset displaying bills introduced between January 1, 2021, and May 20, 2022. The jurisdictions selected for measurement are the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

For this dataset, the **series_title** column on the Summary Data sheet displays the individual bill number.

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. There are four standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is either the last date a law or policy was in effect prior to an amendment or the last date the researcher confirmed the law or policy was in effect during the research process.

LEGAL TEXT

This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

An important note about the Statistical data page:

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (“.”) in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefore leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions

Question 1:	Is there a bill in the state that limits authority regarding public health emergency orders?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	PHA_bill
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1:	What is the bill's number?
Question Type:	Text Field
Variable Name 1.1:	PHA_bnum
Question 1.2:	When was the bill introduced?
Question Type:	Date Field
Variable Name 1.2:	PHA_bintro
Question 1.3:	What is the bill's status?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.3:	PHA_bact
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Value Label:	0 = Introduced
Value Label:	1 = Passed First Chamber
Value Label:	2 = Passed Second Chamber
Value Label:	3 = Failed
Value Label:	4 = Vetoed

Value Label:	5 = Enacted
Question 1.4:	What was the date of the last action?
Question Type:	Date Field
Variable Name 1.4:	PHA_bactd
Question 2:	Is there a bill that limits the governor's authority regarding public health emergency orders?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	PHA_gbill
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.1:	How is the governor's authority limited?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2.1(A):	PHA_glim_Issuance of emergency order is restricted
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(B):	PHA_glim_Duration of emergency order is limited
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(C):	PHA_glim_Scope of emergency order is restricted
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(D):	PHA_glim_Termination by legislature
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(E):	PHA_glim_Termination by another entity
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(F):	PHA_glim_Local override of state orders
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	Is there a bill that limits state health official authority regarding public health emergency orders?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3:	PHA_sbll
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3.1:	How is the state health official's authority limited?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 3.1(A):	PHA_slm_Issuance of emergency order is restricted
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(B):	PHA_slim_Duration of emergency order is limited
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(C):	PHA_slim_Scope of emergency order is restricted
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(D):	PHA_slim_Termination by legislature
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(E):	PHA_slim_Termination by another entity
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 3.1(F):	PHA_slim_Local override of state orders
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	Is there a bill that limits local health official authority regarding public health emergency orders?

Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 4:	PHA_lbill
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4.1:	How is the local health official's authority limited?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 4.1(A):	PHA_llim_Issuance of emergency order is restricted
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1(B):	PHA_llim_Duration of emergency order is limited
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1(C):	PHA_llim_Scope of emergency order is restricted
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1(D):	PHA_llim_Termination by legislature
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 4.1(E):	PHA_llim_Termination by another entity

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes