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COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statements can be attributed to Ohio Chamber President & CEO Steve Stivers regarding today's passage of Senate Bill 63 and Senate Bill 95.

SENATE BILL 63

“The passage of Senate Bill 63 is a major boost to Ohio’s business and legal climates, and we are grateful to the Ohio General Assembly for their efforts to bring this legislation to fruition. SB 63 limits the practice of overnaming defendants in asbestos lawsuits without denying justice or impacting monetary awards for victims. By requiring plaintiff attorneys to disclose the basis for naming a defendant in asbestos-related lawsuits, businesses will no longer have to pay legal fees to remove themselves from lawsuits they never should have been brought into in the first place.

We commend the leadership of Senator George Lang as the bill sponsor, Senate Insurance Chairman Bob Hackett, House Insurance Chairman Brian Lampton, and the leadership of both the House and Senate for working with the Ohio Chamber to help move Ohio’s business climate forward.”

SENATE BILL 95

“The Ohio Chamber of Commerce commends the Ohio General Assembly for its passage of Senate Bill 95, which now heads to Governor Mike DeWine’s desk. This bill does two critical things to drive better health outcomes in Ohio.

First, it provides Ohioans the ability to fill their prescriptions at a pharmacy where the supervising pharmacist is operating remotely, allowing Ohioans greater access to pharmacies and pharmacists.

The legislation also creates a new licensed healthcare professional known as a certified mental health assistant (CMHA). This new CMHA will be a two-year master’s level training program and will provide training necessary for identifying and managing mental health and substance use disorders.

Expanding Ohioans’ access to pharmacies through telemedicine and investing in mental health and safety builds solid workplaces, a strong workforce, and strong communities. We are grateful to see these measures advanced to the Governor.”

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