
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in COVID-19 disaster emergency,
3 imposing a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures; and, in
4 Commonwealth services, further providing for general
5 authority of Governor.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Chapter 57 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

10 SUBCHAPTER F

11 MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS AND FORECLOSURES

12 Sec.

13 5751. Imposition of moratorium.

14 § 5751. Imposition of moratorium.

15 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
16 law, residential evictions and foreclosures are suspended during
17 the COVID-19 disaster emergency. The moratorium period shall

1 extend until December 31, 2020.

2 (b) Applicability.--The moratorium under subsection (a)
3 shall also apply to any residential eviction or foreclosure
4 commenced between August 31, 2020, and the effective date of
5 this section.

6 (c) Construction.--Nothing in this section shall be
7 construed to limit the Governor's authority or powers under
8 Chapter 73 (relating to Commonwealth services).

9 Section 2. Section 7301(f) of Title 35 is amended by adding a
10 paragraph to read:

11 § 7301. General authority of Governor.

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13 (f) Additional powers.--In addition to any other powers
14 conferred upon the Governor by law, the Governor may:

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16 (10) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, place
17 a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures in this
18 Commonwealth or specific counties during a disaster
19 emergency. A moratorium enacted under this paragraph shall
20 extend for 90 days after the disaster emergency has expired
21 or been terminated, unless sooner rescinded by the Governor.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.