THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 3, 2021

AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled 1 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the 2 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the 3 Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or 5 6 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or 7 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and 9 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative 10 officers, and of the several administrative departments, 11 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the 12 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive 13 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of 14 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and 15 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, 16 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and 17 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of 19 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be 20 21 determined, " providing for emergency provisions. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 22
- 23 hereby enacts as follows:
- 24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
- as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an 25
- 2.6 article to read:

1 <u>ARTICLE I-A</u>

2 EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

- 3 Section 101-A. Definitions.
- 4 The following words and phrases when used in this article
- 5 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 6 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 7 <u>"COVID-19 disaster emergency." The proclamation of disaster</u>
- 8 emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at
- 9 <u>50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of</u>
- 10 <u>disaster emergency.</u>
- 11 "Qualifying license." A license issued and regulated by the
- 12 Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs.
- 13 <u>Section 102-A. Suspension of fee increase.</u>
- 14 A qualifying license in nursing or physical therapy shall not
- 15 <u>be subject to a renewal fee increase for the duration of the</u>
- 16 COVID-19 disaster emergency and for six months following the
- 17 termination or expiration of the COVID-19 disaster emergency
- 18 under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of
- 19 Governor).
- 20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.