

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 281 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY ORTITAY AND GAYDOS, JANUARY 27, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 27, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), entitled "An
 2 act relating to health care; prescribing the powers and
 3 duties of the Department of Health; establishing and
 4 providing the powers and duties of the State Health
 5 Coordinating Council, health systems agencies and Health Care
 6 Policy Board in the Department of Health, and State Health
 7 Facility Hearing Board in the Department of Justice;
 8 providing for certification of need of health care providers
 9 and prescribing penalties," in licensing of health care
 10 facilities, providing for report of inventory by health care
 11 facility.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. The act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known
 15 as the Health Care Facilities Act, is amended by adding a
 16 section to read:

17 Section 822. Report of inventory by health care facility.

18 (a) Report.--A health care facility licensed under this
 19 chapter shall annually report to the department an inventory of
 20 the health care equipment that is maintained in the health care
 21 facility. The health care facility shall also report this
 22 inventory to the department within 24 hours of the declaration
 23 of an emergency, regardless of whether the declaration is due to

1 a natural disaster or public health emergency. For the duration
2 of the emergency, the health care facility shall report its
3 equipment in accordance with department regulations.

4 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "health
5 care equipment" shall mean all of the following:

6 (1) Bed capacity of the health care facility and the
7 number of physical beds in the health care facility.

8 (2) Face masks, gowns, face shields and any other item
9 that is deemed to be personal protection equipment.

10 (3) Ventilators.

11 (4) IV or medical infusion pumps.

12 (5) Cardiac monitors.

13 (6) Any other items required by the department.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.