AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2455

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE CUTLER

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Amend Bill, page 1, line 24, by inserting after "testing" ; and providing for COVID-19 emergency testing procurement and disbursement

Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by striking out all of said line and inserting

Section 2. The act is amended by adding an article to read:

ARTICLE XXI-C

COVID-19 EMERGENCY

TESTING PROCUREMENT AND DISBURSEMENT

Section 2101-C. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:


Section 2102-C. Procurement and disbursement plan.

(a) Submission of plan.--No later than seven days after the effective date of this section, the Governor, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, shall submit a plan for the procurement and disbursement of testing kits or equipment necessary to test for COVID-19 to the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chair and minority chair of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

(b) Contents.--The plan under subsection (a) shall include all of the following:

(1) A review of the type and quantity of testing kits and equipment proposed to be procured.

(2) A proposed timeline for the procurement of the testing kits and equipment.

(3) A proposed plan to disburse the testing kits and equipment across this Commonwealth.

(4) A list of categories of individuals who serve an essential health and safety function or who are at a high-risk of contracting COVID-19 to be given initial priority to be tested. The list shall include:
(i) Health care staff.
(ii) Staff and residents of nursing homes, long-term care nursing facilities, assisted living residences, personal care homes and hospices.
(iii) Staff and clients of home care providers, home health care providers, mental health providers, behavioral health providers, children's services, intellectual disability providers and drug and alcohol providers.
(iv) Emergency service and public safety personnel.
(v) Any other category of individuals who serve an essential health and safety function or who are at high-risk of contracting COVID-19.
(vi) An estimate of the amount of funding needed to implement the plan.

(5) A description of how the plan supports the efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 at life-sustaining businesses which have been permitted to continue to operate under the orders from the Governor and the Secretary of Health since the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).

(6) A description of how the plan supports the efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 at businesses other than businesses listed under paragraph (5) and which would be permitted to resume operations under subsequent orders or revisions to orders by the Governor and the Secretary of Health.

(c) Approval.--A plan submitted under subsection (a) shall be deemed approved upon the enactment of an appropriation for the procurement of testing kits or equipment necessary from funds provided under the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136, 134 Stat. 281).

Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The addition of section 2127 of the act shall take effect in 60 days.
(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.