

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2455

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE CUTLER

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

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

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

7 ARTICLE XXI-C

8 COVID-19 EMERGENCY

9 TESTING PROCUREMENT AND DISBURSEMENT

10 Section 2101-C. Definitions.

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

14 "COVID-19." The novel coronavirus as defined in the
15 Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6,
16 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).

17 Section 2102-C. Procurement and disbursement plan.

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

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

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

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

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

34 (4) A list of categories of individuals who serve an
35 essential health and safety function or who are at a high-
36 risk of contracting COVID-19 to be given initial priority to
37 be tested. The list shall include:

1 (i) Health care staff.

2 (ii) Staff and residents of nursing homes, long-term
3 care nursing facilities, assisted living residences,
4 personal care homes and hospices.

5 (iii) Staff and clients of home care providers, home
6 health care providers, mental health providers,
7 behavioral health providers, children's services,
8 intellectual disability providers and drug and alcohol
9 providers.

10 (iv) Emergency service and public safety personnel.

11 (v) Any other category of individuals who serve an
12 essential health and safety function or who are at high-
13 risk of contracting COVID-19.

14 (vi) An estimate of the amount of funding needed to
15 implement the plan.

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

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

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

33 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

34 (1) The addition of section 2127 of the act shall take
35 effect in 60 days.

36 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
37 immediately.