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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MAY 8, 2020

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

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

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 article to read:

ARTICLE I-A
Section 101-A. Extension of waiver provisions.

The Secretary of Community and Economic Development shall immediately issue a waiver to the Governor's 20200319 TWW COVID-19 Business Closure Order for all golf course activities that comply with section 102-A and can adhere to the social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect workers and to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Section 102-A. Golf course activities.

In order for golf course activities to qualify for the waiver under section 101-A, they must meet the following qualifications:

(1) The golf course must not permit nongolfers on the course and only essential employees may be permitted on the premises.

(2) Players must either walk or be restricted to one golfer per power cart.

(3) All food and beverage sales must occur in accordance with all food safety standards applicable under law.

(4) Retail stores and pro shops must not be open and in-person retail sales must not be permitted except as authorized by the Governor.

(5) Flagsticks must be removed or the cups outfitted with liners in such a manner as to avoid additional touch points.

(6) Bunker rakes and other on-course furniture, including benches, ball washers and water coolers, must be removed.

(7) There may be no common-use distribution of items,
including tees, scorecards, pencils and ball markers.

(8) Signage must be installed to encourage no group congregation and to facilitate communication and check-in policies from outside of the facility. Posted signage must encourage compliance with applicable regulations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including no hand shaking and frequent hand washing.

(9) Push carts may be permitted only if brought to the course by the golfer and the golf course is not permitted to provide push carts.

(10) All golfers must use their own golf clubs. The sharing of golf clubs must not be permitted and the course may not rent them.

(11) Restrooms must be frequently cleaned and appropriately sanitized throughout the day in accordance with applicable health requirements.

(12) Staff must wear protective gloves and face masks in accordance with applicable health requirements.

(13) Staff must monitor parking lots to ensure golfers do not congregate and tailgating does not occur.

(14) The golf course must educate staff on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requirements and proper hygiene and sanitation regulations and promptly update the staff on changes to the requirements and regulations.

(15) Golf bags must remain in the golfer's possession at all times. No staff member may handle bags at any time.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.