AN ACT

Amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.437, No.92), entitled "An act providing for grants to agricultural societies and associations to develop and improve agricultural fairs; establishing an advisory committee in the Department of Agriculture; and making repeals," providing for COVID-19 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant Program.

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

Section 1. The act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.437, No.92), known as the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act, is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 8.2. COVID-19 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant Program.

(a) Establishment.--The COVID-19 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant Program is established and shall be administered by the department. Grants provided under the program shall be used to assist county agricultural societies, independent agricultural societies or other organizations impacted by the COVID-19 disaster emergency as provided under this section.

(b) Eligibility.--The following shall apply:
(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, a county agricultural society, independent agricultural society or other organization which conducts an annual agricultural fair that cancels its annual agricultural fair in the calendar year beginning January 1, 2020, due to the COVID-19 disaster emergency, resulting in ineligibility for other grants under this act, shall be eligible for a grant under this section and shall be eligible to apply for capital improvement grants available under section 5(1)(II).

(2) If a county agricultural society, independent agricultural society or other organization holds its annual agricultural fair in the calendar year beginning January 1, 2020, it shall not be eligible for a grant under this section but shall remain eligible to apply for all other grants available under section 5.

(c) Amount.--The amount of a grant under this section shall be the same amount that the eligible county agricultural society, independent agricultural society or other organization received in grants under section 5 5(1)(I), (III) AND (IV) for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2019.

(d) Application.--The application for a grant shall be in a form and manner as prescribed by the department.

(e) Expiration of authority.--The authority of the department to award grants under this section shall expire when all available funds are disbursed for grants provided under the program.

(f) Definition.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"COVID-19 disaster emergency." The proclamation of disaster
emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of emergency.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.