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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 24, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further
3 providing for general authority of Governor.

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

6 Section 1. Section 7301(c) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 7301. General authority of Governor.

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10 (c) Declaration of disaster emergency.--A disaster emergency
11 shall be declared by executive order or proclamation of the
12 Governor upon finding that a disaster has occurred or that the
13 occurrence or the threat of a disaster is imminent. The state of
14 disaster emergency shall continue until the Governor finds that
15 the threat or danger has passed or the disaster has been dealt
16 with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist and
17 terminates the state of disaster emergency by executive order or
18 proclamation, but no state of disaster emergency may continue

1 for longer than [90] 45 days unless renewed by [the Governor]
2 concurrent resolution by the General Assembly. The General
3 Assembly by concurrent resolution may terminate a state of
4 disaster emergency at any time. Thereupon, the Governor shall
5 issue an executive order or proclamation ending the state of
6 disaster emergency. All executive orders or proclamations issued
7 under this subsection shall indicate the nature of the disaster,
8 the area or areas threatened and the conditions which have
9 brought the disaster about or which make possible termination of
10 the state of disaster emergency. An executive order or
11 proclamation shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated
12 to bring its contents to the attention of the general public
13 and, unless the circumstances attendant upon the disaster
14 prevent or impede, shall be promptly filed with the Pennsylvania
15 Emergency Management Agency and the Legislative Reference Bureau
16 for publication under Part II of Title 45 (relating to
17 publication and effectiveness of Commonwealth documents).

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