THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 23, 2020

AN ACT

1 2 3 4	Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in local organizations and services, further providing for general authority of political subdivisions.
5	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6	hereby enacts as follows:
7	Section 1. Section 7501 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
8	Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
9	§ 7501. General authority of political subdivisions.
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11	(d.1) Applications before bodyFor each political
12	subdivision included in a declaration of disaster emergency
13	declared by the Governor under section 7301 (relating to general
14	authority of Governor), an action required by law in
15	consideration of any application, plat, plan or other submission
16	for an approval, as defined in section 2 of the act of July 9,
17	2013 (P.L.362, No.54), known as the Development Permit Extension
18	Act, or for an action on an appeal or curative amendment, the
19	following shall apply:

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- 3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.