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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," providing for personal protective equipment for
22 frontline workers.

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

25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an
27 article to read:

1 ARTICLE I-A

2 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

3 Section 101-A. Definitions.

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

7 "COVID-19 pandemic." The novel coronavirus as identified in
8 the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
9 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and
10 any renewal of the disaster emergency.

11 "Frontline worker." An employee who is unable to perform the
12 employee's job duties remotely and continues to perform the
13 employee's job duties during the COVID-19 pandemic while being
14 employed by any of the following:

15 (1) A hospital or health care system.

16 (2) A retail grocery store.

17 (3) A long-term health care facility.

18 (4) A police department.

19 (5) A fire department.

20 (6) A volunteer fire department.

21 (7) An emergency medical services company.

22 (8) A volunteer emergency medical services company.

23 (9) A sanitation company.

24 "Health care system." An organized system of health care in
25 which multiple health care providers participate and the health
26 care providers satisfy all of the following:

27 (1) The health care providers provide health care
28 services in a manner so that the public is aware that the
29 health care providers participate in a joint arrangement.

30 (2) The health care providers participate in any of the

1 following joint activities:

2 (i) A utilization review that involves the review of
3 health care decisions of participating covered entities
4 by other participating covered entities or a third party
5 on behalf of the participating covered entities.

6 (ii) Quality assessment and improvement activities
7 that include the assessment of the treatment provided by
8 participating covered entities by other participating
9 covered entities or a third party on behalf of the
10 participating covered entities.

11 (iii) Payment activities if all of the following
12 apply:

13 (A) The financial risk for delivering health
14 care is partially or wholly shared by participating
15 covered entities through the joint arrangement.

16 (B) Protected health care information created or
17 received by the participating covered entities is
18 reviewed by other participating covered entities or a
19 third party on behalf of the participating covered
20 entities.

21 "Personal protective equipment." Equipment worn to minimize
22 exposure to hazards that cause serious injuries and illnesses.

23 "Sanitation company." An entity engaged in the collection,
24 processing, transfer, transportation or disposal of solid waste
25 or recyclables.

26 Section 102-A. Frontline workers.

27 Money appropriated by the Federal Government or the General
28 Assembly for expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19
29 pandemic which is to be used to purchase or provide personal
30 protective equipment or supplies to frontline workers shall

1 include the individuals defined in section 101-A.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.