

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1299 Session of 2020

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REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 COVID-19 mitigation.

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

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

1                                    ARTICLE I-A

2                                    COVID-19 MITIGATION

3    Section 101-A. Prohibition on meal requirement to purchase  
4                                    alcoholic beverages.

5        (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision of  
6    law to the contrary, a business in the retail food service  
7    industry shall not be subject to an executive order during the  
8    COVID-19 disaster emergency which:

9                    (1) Requires the purchase of a meal to buy alcoholic  
10                   beverages.

11                   (2) Prohibits bar service for food and beverages.

12        (b) Requirements.--A business operating under subsection (a)  
13    shall require social distancing consistent with guidelines  
14    issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the  
15    Commonwealth or maintain physical barriers.

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

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

23        Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.