SUMMARY: Amends the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) to add a new Article relating to Emergency COVID-19 provisions. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Code to add a new Article I-A relating to Emergency COVID-19 Provisions. Section 101-A of the Article relates to extension of waiver provisions and requires that the Secretary of Community and Economic Development immediately issue a waiver to the Governor’s 20200319 TWW COVID-19 Business Closure Order to all accredited zoo activities that can adhere to the social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control to protect workers and to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would permit accredited zoos that are currently shut-down to reopen and operate under the proclamation of disaster emergency. To the extent accredited zoos can begin to operate and generate revenue and income, the Commonwealth may realize additional revenues.

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