SUMMARY: Amends the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) to add a new Article relating to Establishment Indoor Space Operation. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Code to add a new Article I-A permitting a restaurant, bar, private club, brewpub, brewery, winery and distillery within a designated county that already has indoor seating when this article becomes law to be eligible to immediately reopen for in-person, indoor business operations.

Night clubs, music or entertainment venues would not be included under this article.

Establishments reopening under this article would be required to follow CDC guidelines, and "to the extent possible" follow U.S. FDA 'best practices', and the National Restaurant Association’s Guide for the Restaurant Industry, titled "COVID-19 Reopening Guidance," published April 22, 2020. Under this article an establishment may not use more than 50% of the establishment’s seating capacity during operation.

The article expires upon termination or expiration of the COVID-19 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020.

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