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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the powers of  
3 the commission in times of declared emergencies.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 66, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,  
7 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, added  
8 July 1, 1978 (No.116), is amended by adding a section to read:  
9 § 514. Emergency powers.

10 (a) Powers in times of declared emergency.--The Public  
11 Utility Commission shall, in times of declared emergency, have  
12 the power to close businesses, schools and other energy users.  
13 The Public Utility Commission shall promulgate rules and  
14 regulations including a priority of closings to effectuate the  
15 purposes of this section.

16 (b) Review considerations.--In times of declared emergency,  
17 the Public Utility Commission shall take into account, in all  
18 administrative actions, whether establishments are making good

- 1 faith efforts to comply with law before penalizing these
- 2 establishments for noncompliance.
- 3     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.