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AN ACT

1 Providing for COVID-19 disaster emergency business interruption
2 grants.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the COVID-19
7 Disaster Emergency Business Interruption Grant Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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

16 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic
17 Development of the Commonwealth.

1 "Grant." A grant awarded under the COVID-19 Disaster
2 Emergency Business Interruption Grant Program established under
3 section 3(a).

4 Section 3. COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Business Interruption
5 Grant Program.

6 (a) Establishment.--The COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Business
7 Interruption Grant Program is established within the department
8 to provide funding for the continuing operation of businesses
9 during and after the COVID-19 disaster emergency. The department
10 shall award, to the extent that money is appropriated to the
11 department for the purpose, grants to eligible businesses as
12 provided under this section.

13 (b) Eligibility.--A business shall be eligible for a grant
14 under this section if:

15 (1) The business has submitted an insurance claim under
16 a business interruption insurance policy and the insurance
17 claim was denied prior to applying for a grant.

18 (2) The business demonstrates in its application that
19 the business has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19
20 disaster emergency.

21 (c) Grant amount.--A grant may not exceed the amount of the
22 insurance claim submitted by the business under subsection (b)
23 (1).

24 (d) Application.--A business may apply for a grant for the
25 duration of the COVID-19 disaster emergency and for 60 days
26 after the COVID-19 disaster emergency is terminated by executive
27 order, proclamation or operation of law. The application shall
28 be in a form and manner determined by the department.

29 (e) Conditions.--If a business receives a grant, the
30 business must remain open and not lay off any employees for the

1 duration of the COVID-19 disaster emergency. If a business that
2 receives a grant does not comply with this subsection, the
3 business shall repay the amount of the grant plus 10%.

4 (f) Rules and regulations.--The department shall promulgate
5 rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of
6 this section.

7 Section 4. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect immediately.