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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, APRIL 13, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing
3 for emergency unemployment compensation assistance.

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

6 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 7309. Emergency unemployment compensation assistance.

9 (a) Additional employees.--If a state of disaster emergency
10 declared or renewed by the Governor under section 7301(c)
11 (relating to general authority of Governor) is likely to cause a
12 sudden and significant increase in unemployment claims in this
13 Commonwealth, the Governor shall hire additional employees or
14 reassign employees from other Commonwealth departments, boards
15 or commissions, including full-time and part-time furloughed
16 employees, in accordance with sections 501 and 502 of the act of
17 April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative
18 Code of 1929, for the Office of Unemployment Compensation and

1 unemployment compensation service centers to ensure that
2 eligible claimants are able to receive the benefits provided
3 under the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897,
4 No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law. The
5 Department of Labor and Industry shall hire additional employees
6 or reassign Commonwealth employees under this subsection
7 commensurate with need.

8 (b) Determination.--In determining whether a state of
9 disaster emergency declared or renewed by the Governor under
10 section 7301(c) is likely to cause a sudden and significant
11 increase in unemployment claims in this Commonwealth, the
12 Governor, in conjunction with the Secretary of Labor, shall
13 consult with all of the following:

14 (1) The chair and minority chair of the Labor and
15 Industry Committee of the Senate.

16 (2) The chair and minority chair of the Labor and
17 Industry Committee of the House of Representatives.

18 (c) Health and safety.--The Department of Labor and Industry
19 shall hire additional employees or reassign Commonwealth
20 employees under subsection (a) in a manner that preserves the
21 health and safety of the employees at the Office of Unemployment
22 Compensation and unemployment compensation service centers.

23 (d) Applicability.--This section shall apply to a state of
24 disaster emergency declared or renewed by the Governor under
25 section 7301(c) before, on or after the effective date of this
26 section.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.