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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 27, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, providing
3 for golf course operation during COVID-19 disaster emergency.

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. Golf course operation during COVID-19 disaster
9 emergency.

10 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding the provisions of this
11 chapter or any other provision of law to the contrary, a golf
12 course may operate during the COVID-19 disaster emergency if:

13 (1) The clubhouse remains closed to golfers and other
14 patrons.

15 (2) A no-contact form of payment is offered.

1 (3) A golfer is permitted to carry the golfer's clubs or
2 use a push cart.

3 (4) When a golf cart is used, only one golfer is
4 permitted per cart.

5 (5) Golf carts are sanitized after each use, including
6 the steering wheel and all other touch points of the cart.

7 (6) All golfers and employees wear masks and follow
8 social distancing guidelines provided by the Centers for
9 Disease Control and Prevention.

10 (7) Safety precautions are instituted around each hole.
11 A golf course shall elevate the liner of the cup above ground
12 level or take other precautions so that the ball does not
13 fall down into the cup.

14 (8) The golf course uses and enforces the safe play
15 guidance issued by the United States Golf Association.

16 (9) Golfers are prohibited from removing or touching a
17 hole flag for any reason.

18 (10) Golfers are prohibited from touching communal
19 equipment throughout the course, including, but not limited
20 to, ball washing stations, bunker rakes or other communal
21 equipment.

22 (11) All practice facilities remain closed.

23 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
24 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
25 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

26 "COVID-19 disaster emergency." The proclamation of disaster
27 emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at
28 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of
29 disaster emergency.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.