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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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ROTHMAN AND SNYDER, MAY 21, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 21, 2020

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and  
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation  
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of  
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be  
21 determined," providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known  
25 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an  
26 article to read:

1 ARTICLE I-A

2 EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROVISIONS

3 Section 101-A. Extension of waiver provisions.

4 (a) Waiver.--The Secretary of Community and Economic  
5 Development shall immediately issue a waiver to the Governor's  
6 20200319 TWW COVID 19 Business Closure Order to all licensed  
7 racing entities to hold horse race meetings if all of the  
8 following apply:

9 (1) The licensed racing entities can, at a racetrack or  
10 racetrack enclosure, provide for the adherence to the social  
11 distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by  
12 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect  
13 workers and to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

14 (2) The State Horse Racing Commission authorizes the  
15 activities necessary to regulate horse race meetings.

16 (3) The Pennsylvania Race Horse Testing Program under 3  
17 Pa.C.S. § 9372 (relating to establishment of Pennsylvania  
18 Race Horse Testing Program) is operational at the time the  
19 horse race meetings are conducted.

20 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
21 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
22 subsection:

23 "Horse race meeting." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 9301  
24 (relating to definitions).

25 "Licensed racing entity." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 9301.

26 "Racetrack." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 9301.

27 "Racetrack enclosure." As defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 9301.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.