

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2549 Session of 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 26, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
 2 "An act relating to the finances of the State government;
 3 providing for cancer control, prevention and research, for
 4 ambulatory surgical center data collection, for the Joint
 5 Underwriting Association, for entertainment business
 6 financial management firms, for private dam financial
 7 assurance and for reinstatement of item vetoes; providing for
 8 the settlement, assessment, collection, and lien of taxes,
 9 bonus, and all other accounts due the Commonwealth, the
 10 collection and recovery of fees and other money or property
 11 due or belonging to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 12 including escheated property and the proceeds of its sale,
 13 the custody and disbursement or other disposition of funds
 14 and securities belonging to or in the possession of the
 15 Commonwealth, and the settlement of claims against the
 16 Commonwealth, the resettlement of accounts and appeals to the
 17 courts, refunds of moneys erroneously paid to the
 18 Commonwealth, auditing the accounts of the Commonwealth and
 19 all agencies thereof, of all public officers collecting
 20 moneys payable to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 21 and all receipts of appropriations from the Commonwealth,
 22 authorizing the Commonwealth to issue tax anticipation notes
 23 to defray current expenses, implementing the provisions of
 24 section 7(a) of Article VIII of the Constitution of
 25 Pennsylvania authorizing and restricting the incurring of
 26 certain debt and imposing penalties; affecting every
 27 department, board, commission, and officer of the State
 28 government, every political subdivision of the State, and
 29 certain officers of such subdivisions, every person,
 30 association, and corporation required to pay, assess, or
 31 collect taxes, or to make returns or reports under the laws
 32 imposing taxes for State purposes, or to pay license fees or
 33 other moneys to the Commonwealth, or any agency thereof,
 34 every State depository and every debtor or creditor of the
 35 Commonwealth," providing for reopening of designated county.

1 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
2 hereby enacts as follows:

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

6 ARTICLE I-A

7 REOPENING OF DESIGNATED COUNTY

8 Section 101-A. Criteria to transfer to Green Phase.

9 (a) Eligibility.--A county which has been designated by
10 executive action to be in the Yellow Phase may, after 21 days in
11 the Yellow Phase, transfer to the Green Phase if:

12 (1) the area in which the designated county is located
13 has experienced less than 50 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000
14 residents for the preceding 14 days;

15 (2) the governing body of the designated county
16 determines that it is in the best interests of the residents
17 of the county to move to the Green Phase;

18 (3) the governing body of the county determines that
19 there are sufficient medical assets available in the area to
20 address the number of COVID-19 cases anticipated based on the
21 historical rate of cases in the area; and

22 (4) the governing body of the county determines that
23 there is sufficient testing in the area to monitor public
24 health indicators and adjust orders and restrictions as
25 necessary to ensure the spread of disease remains at a
26 minimum.

27 (b) Process.--The governing body of a designated county
28 which meets the requirements of subsection (a) may, by
29 resolution, transfer the designation of the county from the
30 Yellow Phase to the Green Phase.

1 Section 102-A. Operation upon transfer to Green Phase.

2 The following shall apply to a county that has transferred to
3 the Green Phase under section 101-A:

4 (1) Businesses may operate under Centers for Disease
5 Control and Prevention Phase 3 guidance.

6 (2) Individuals must follow Centers for Disease Control
7 and Prevention Phase 3 guidance.

8 (3) Gatherings must be limited to 250 individuals at a
9 single location using Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention Phase 3 guidance.

11 (4) Amusement parks, zoos and outdoor entertainment
12 venues may have more than 250 individuals on the premises at
13 one time, except that the venues may not have gatherings of
14 more than 250 individuals at a single location. Venues must
15 follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.