
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JULY 8, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further
3 providing for general authority of Governor.

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

6 Section 1. Section 7301(c) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 7301. General authority of Governor.

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10 (c) Declaration of disaster emergency.--

11 (1) A disaster emergency shall be declared by executive
12 order or proclamation of the Governor upon finding that a
13 disaster has occurred or that the occurrence or the threat of
14 a disaster is imminent. The state of disaster emergency shall
15 continue until the Governor finds that the threat or danger
16 has passed or the disaster has been dealt with to the extent
17 that emergency conditions no longer exist and terminates the
18 state of disaster emergency by executive order or

1 proclamation, but no state of disaster emergency may continue
2 for longer than [90] 28 days unless renewed by [the Governor]
3 an act of the General Assembly.

4 (2) The General Assembly by concurrent resolution may
5 terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time.
6 Thereupon, the Governor shall issue an executive order or
7 proclamation ending the state of disaster emergency. All
8 executive orders or proclamations issued under this
9 subsection shall indicate the nature of the disaster, the
10 area or areas threatened and the conditions which have
11 brought the disaster about or which make possible termination
12 of the state of disaster emergency. An executive order or
13 proclamation shall be disseminated promptly by means
14 calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the
15 general public and, unless the circumstances attendant upon
16 the disaster prevent or impede, shall be promptly filed with
17 the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the
18 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication under Part II of
19 Title 45 (relating to publication and effectiveness of
20 Commonwealth documents).

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22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.