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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
OCTOBER 28, 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 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

1 article to read:

2 ARTICLE I-A

3 EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

4 Section 101-A. Definitions.

5 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
6 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
7 context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "COVID-19 disaster emergency." The proclamation of disaster  
9 emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at  
10 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of  
11 disaster emergency.

12 "Qualifying license." A license issued and regulated by the  
13 Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs.

14 Section 102-A. Suspension of fee increase.

15 A qualifying license in nursing or physical therapy shall not  
16 be subject to a renewal fee increase for the duration of the  
17 COVID-19 disaster emergency and for six months following the  
18 termination or expiration of the COVID-19 disaster emergency  
19 under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general authority of  
20 Governor).

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.