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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JUNE 5, 2020

AN ACT

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

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

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

9 § 7301. General authority of Governor.

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11 (c) Declaration of disaster emergency.--

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

1 state of disaster emergency by executive order or
2 proclamation, but no state of disaster emergency may continue
3 for longer than [90] 10 days unless [renewed by the Governor.
4 The] reauthorized by concurrent resolution of the General
5 Assembly.

6 (2) If the General Assembly fails to adopt a concurrent
7 resolution reauthorizing the state of disaster emergency, or
8 no such concurrent resolution is introduced, by the eleventh
9 day after the declaration of the executive order or
10 proclamation, the state of disaster emergency shall be
11 automatically terminated.

12 (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the General Assembly
13 by concurrent resolution may terminate a state of disaster
14 emergency at any time. Thereupon, the Governor shall issue an
15 executive order or proclamation ending the state of disaster
16 emergency.

17 (4) All executive orders or proclamations issued under
18 this subsection shall indicate the nature of the disaster,
19 the area or areas threatened and the conditions which have
20 brought the disaster about or which make possible termination
21 of the state of disaster emergency.

22 (5) An executive order or proclamation shall be
23 disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring its
24 contents to the attention of the general public and, unless
25 the circumstances attendant upon the disaster prevent or
26 impede, shall be promptly filed with the Pennsylvania
27 Emergency Management Agency and the Legislative Reference
28 Bureau for publication under Part II of Title 45 (relating to
29 publication and effectiveness of Commonwealth documents).

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1 Section 2. The proclamation of disaster emergency issued by
2 the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March
3 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency,
4 shall terminate 10 days from the effective date of this section,
5 unless reauthorized by concurrent resolution of the General
6 Assembly. If the General Assembly fails to adopt a concurrent
7 resolution reauthorizing the state of disaster emergency, or no
8 such concurrent resolution is introduced, by the eleventh day
9 after the effective date of this section, the state of disaster
10 emergency shall be automatically terminated.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.