

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, BARTOLOTTA, PITTMAN, STEFANO, SCHWANK AND J. WARD, JUNE 4, 2020

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 20, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.437, No.92), entitled "An
2 act providing for grants to agricultural societies and
3 associations to develop and improve agricultural fairs;
4 establishing an advisory committee in the Department of
5 Agriculture; and making repeals," providing for COVID-19
6 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant Program GRANTS. <--

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of July 8, 1986 (P.L.437, No.92), known
10 as the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act, is amended by adding
11 a section to read:

12 Section 8.2. COVID-19 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant Program <--
13 GRANTS. <--

14 (a) Establishment. The COVID 19 Emergency Agricultural Fair <--
15 Grant Program is established and shall be administered by the
16 department. Grants provided under the program shall be used to
17 assist county agricultural societies, independent agricultural
18 societies or other organizations impacted by the COVID 19
19 disaster emergency as provided under this section.

1 ~~(b) Eligibility. The following shall apply:~~

2 ~~(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, a~~
3 ~~GRANT AWARDS.--~~ <--

4 ~~(1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT, A~~
5 ~~county agricultural society, independent agricultural society~~
6 ~~or other organization which conducts an annual agricultural~~ <--
7 ~~fair that cancels CONDUCTED its annual agricultural fair in~~ <--
8 ~~the calendar year beginning January 1, 2020, due to the~~ <--
9 ~~COVID 19 disaster emergency, resulting in ineligibility for~~
10 ~~other grants under this act, shall be eligible for a grant~~
11 ~~under this section and shall be 2019, SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE~~ <--
12 ~~DEPARTMENT A GRANT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY~~
13 ~~1, 2020, AND SHALL REMAIN eligible to apply for capital~~ <--
14 ~~improvement grants available AND RECEIVE A GRANT under~~ <--
15 ~~section 5(1)(ii).~~

16 ~~(2) If a county agricultural society, independent~~
17 ~~agricultural society or other organization holds its annual~~
18 ~~agricultural fair in the calendar year beginning January 1,~~
19 ~~2020, it shall not be eligible for a grant under this section~~
20 ~~but shall remain eligible to apply for all other grants~~
21 ~~available under section 5.~~

22 ~~(c) (B) Amount.--The amount of a grant AWARDED under this~~ <--
23 ~~section shall be the same amount that the eligible county~~
24 ~~agricultural society, independent agricultural society or other~~
25 ~~organization received in grants under section 5(1)(i), (iii) and~~
26 ~~(iv) for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2019.~~

27 ~~(d) Application. The application for a grant shall be in a~~ <--
28 ~~form and manner as prescribed by the department.~~

29 ~~(e) Expiration of authority. The authority of the~~
30 ~~department to award grants under this section shall expire when~~

1 ~~all available funds are disbursed for grants provided under the~~
2 ~~program.~~

3 ~~(f) Definition. As used in this section, the following~~
4 ~~words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this~~
5 ~~subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

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

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ <--

11 IMMEDIATELY. <--