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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," FURTHER PROVIDING FOR  
6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND providing for COVID-19 Emergency  
7 Agricultural Fair ~~Grant Program~~ GRANTS. ◀ ◀--

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

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

13 SECTION 1. SECTION 4(A) AND (B) OF THE ACT OF JULY 8, 1986 ◀  
14 (P.L.437, NO.92), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA AGRICULTURAL FAIR  
15 ACT, ARE AMENDED TO READ:

16 SECTION 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

17 (A) COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.--THERE IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE  
18 DEPARTMENT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF [SEVEN MEMBERS AS  
19 FOLLOWS] THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE,

1 WHO SHALL BE [CHAIRMAN] CHAIRPERSON; THE [CHAIRMAN] CHAIRPERSON  
2 OF THE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES, OR [HIS] THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESIGNEE; THE  
4 MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS  
5 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR THE MINORITY  
6 CHAIRPERSON'S DESIGNEE; THE [CHAIRMAN] CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
7 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR [HIS]  
8 THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESIGNEE; THE MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
9 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR THE  
10 MINORITY CHAIRPERSON'S DESIGNEE; AND FOUR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO  
11 BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY, INCLUDING THREE REPRESENTATIVES  
12 OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS AND ONE MEMBER WHO SHALL REPRESENT THE  
13 PUBLIC AT LARGE. THE APPOINTED MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF  
14 TWO YEARS. APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE MADE WITHIN 60  
15 DAYS OF THIS ACT.

16 (B) QUORUM.--NO BUSINESS SHALL BE TRANSACTED BY THE ADVISORY  
17 COMMITTEE IN THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF  
18 [FOUR] FIVE MEMBERS.

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20 SECTION 2. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

21 Section 8.2. COVID-19 Emergency Agricultural Fair Grant Program<--  
22 GRANTS. <--

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

29 (b) Eligibility. The following shall apply:

30 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, a

1 GRANT AWARDS.-- <--

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

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

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

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

27 ~~(e) Expiration of authority.~~ The authority of the  
28 department to award grants under this section shall expire when  
29 all available funds are disbursed for grants provided under the  
30 program.

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

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

8 Section 2 3. This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~ ◀  
9 IMMEDIATELY. ◀--