THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1995 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY LEWIS DELROSSO, FARRY, STRUZZI, HEFFLEY, O'NEAL AND FRITZ, OCTOBER 21, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, OCTOBER 21, 2021

AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the 2 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the 3 Executive Department thereof and the administrative 4 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, 5 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or 6 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative 7 8 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and 9 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative 10 officers, and of the several administrative departments, 11 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive 12 13 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of 14 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, 16 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation 17 18 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of 19 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be 20 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of Drug 21 and Alcohol Programs, further providing for powers and 22 23 duties. 24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 25 hereby enacts as follows: 26 Section 1. Section 2301-A of the act of April 9, 1929 27 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
- 28 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

1 Section 2301-A. Powers and duties. 2 The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall have the 3 power and its duty shall be: 4 5 (8.2) To do the following: 6 (i) Promulgate regulations for the following that 7 affect licensed drug and alcohol treatment providers: 8 (A) The implementation of new or additional 9 licensing requirements for drug and alcohol 10 facilities. 11 (B) The implementation of new or additional drug 12 and alcohol staff credentialing requirements. (C) The implementation of new or additional drug 13 14 and alcohol counselor staffing ratios. 15 (D) The implementation of new or major 16 programmatic changes and requirements imposed on drug and alcohol facilities, including the requirement of 17 18 adding programs that significantly increase the cost 19 of delivering care and meeting staffing requirements. 20 (ii) Notwithstanding subparagraph (i), promulgate 21 any proposed regulatory requirement not currently in 22 effect or for any regulatory requirement that has been delayed by the General Assembly through legislation. The 23 24 Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall provide for 25 the promulgation of regulations pursuant to all 26 procedures for publication, notice and comment and other regulatory review required for administrative regulations 27 provided by the laws of this Commonwealth. 28

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30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.