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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 20, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), entitled "An
 2 act relating to health care; prescribing the powers and
 3 duties of the Department of Health; establishing and
 4 providing the powers and duties of the State Health
 5 Coordinating Council, health systems agencies and Health Care
 6 Policy Board in the Department of Health, and State Health
 7 Facility Hearing Board in the Department of Justice;
 8 providing for certification of need of health care providers
 9 and prescribing penalties," in licensing of health care
 10 facilities, further providing for photo identification tag
 11 regulations.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 809.2(a)(1) and (e) of the act of July
 15 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities
 16 Act, amended July 1, 2020 (P.L.599, No.54), are amended to read:
 17 Section 809.2. Photo identification tag regulations.

18 (a) Regulations.--Except as provided under subsection (c),
 19 the department shall promulgate regulations under subsection (b)
 20 to require employees to wear a photo identification tag when the
 21 employee is working. The following shall apply:

22 (1) The photo identification tag shall include a recent

1 photograph of the employee, the employee's first name, the
2 employee's title and the name of [the health care facility or
3 employment agency.] any of the following:

4 (i) The health care facility.

5 (ii) The health system.

6 (iii) The employment agency.

7 (iv) The fictitious name of an entity under
8 subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii) which is registered with
9 the Department of State under 54 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3 (relating
10 to fictitious names) or a successor statute.

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12 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
13 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
14 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "Employee." An employee or a physician of any of the
16 following that delivers direct care to a consumer:

17 (1) A health care facility.

18 (2) A health care provider.

19 (3) The private practice of a physician.

20 (4) An employment agency.

21 (5) A health system.

22 (6) The fictitious name of any person or entity under
23 paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) which is registered with
24 the Department of State under 54 Pa.C.S. Ch. 3 or a successor
25 statute.

26 "Employment agency." A public or private organization that
27 provides employment services for persons seeking employment and
28 for potential employers seeking employees.

29 "Title." A license, certification or registration held by
30 the employee.

1 Section 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate final
2 regulations to implement the amendment of section 809.2(a)(1)
3 and (e) of the act no later than two years after the effective
4 date of this section.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.