
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 7, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of Health
22 and its departmental administrative and advisory boards,
23 providing for disaster emergencies.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
27 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 2106.1. Disaster Emergencies.--If a declaration of a
3 disaster emergency under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(b) (relating to
4 general authority of Governor) requires the Governor to order
5 the closure of non-life-sustaining businesses in this
6 Commonwealth, the Department of Health, in conjunction with the
7 Governor, shall utilize the Essential Critical Infrastructure
8 Workforce advisory list developed by the Cybersecurity and
9 Infrastructure Security Agency of the United States Department
10 of Homeland Security in determining whether a business is life-
11 sustaining. All businesses shall be provided with the ability to
12 continue operations in some manner or form. This section shall
13 apply during the continuance of a state of disaster emergency
14 declared before, on or after the effective date of this section.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.