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BANTA, BARTON, CUTLER, LAWRENCE AND KEEFER, JANUARY 31, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
JANUARY 31, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed))
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers and
3 duties, providing for amnesty for disciplinary actions
4 regarding COVID-19 protocols.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 63 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 3108.1. Amnesty for disciplinary actions regarding COVID-19
10 protocols.

11 A license, registration, certificate or permit that was
12 suspended or revoked or any disciplinary action taken by a
13 licensing board or licensing commission on a licensee,
14 registrant, certificate holder or permit holder for failure to
15 comply with any of the following during the period in which the
16 Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6,
17 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020) was in effect
18 shall be removed or reinstated:

1 (1) A proclamation or order of the Governor under 35
2 Pa.C.S. § 7301(f) (7) (relating to general authority of
3 Governor), section 8(a) of the act of April 27, 1905
4 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled "An act creating a Department of
5 Health, and defining its powers and duties," section 2102(a)
6 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The
7 Administrative Code of 1929, or section 5 of the act of April
8 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the Disease
9 Prevention and Control Law of 1955, which relates to the
10 novel coronavirus known as "COVID-19."

11 (2) An order of the Secretary of Health under section
12 8(a) of the act of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled
13 "An act creating a Department of Health, and defining its
14 powers and duties," section 2102(a) or 2106 of The
15 Administrative Code of 1929, section 5 of the Disease
16 Prevention and Control Law of 1955 or 28 Pa. Code § 27.60
17 (relating to disease control measures), 27.61 (relating to
18 isolation), 27.65 (relating to quarantine), 27.66 (relating
19 to placarding), 27.67 (relating to movement of persons and
20 animals subject to isolation or quarantine by action of a
21 local health authority or the Department) or 27.68 (relating
22 to release from isolation or quarantine), which relates to
23 the novel coronavirus known as "COVID-19."

24 (3) Guidance issued by the Department of Health or the
25 Department of Human Services relating to the novel
26 coronavirus known as "COVID-19."

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.