
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JULY 8, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Commonwealth services, further
3 providing for general authority of Governor.

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

6 Section 1. Section 7301(f)(1) of Title 35 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is
8 amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 7301. General authority of Governor.

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11 (f) Additional powers.--In addition to any other powers
12 conferred upon the Governor by law, the Governor may:

13 [(1) Suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute
14 prescribing the procedures for conduct of Commonwealth
15 business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any
16 Commonwealth agency, if strict compliance with the provisions
17 of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way

1 prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the
2 emergency.]

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4 (g) Prohibition.--Notwithstanding subsection (f) or the act
5 of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known as
6 the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, the Governor may
7 not order the closure of any business entity, school entity or
8 nonprofit organization or restrict the movement of any
9 individual in this Commonwealth pursuant to a declaration of a
10 disaster emergency under subsection (c).

11 Section 2. The amendment or addition of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(f)
12 (1) and (g) shall apply to the proclamation of disaster
13 emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at
14 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of
15 disaster emergency.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.