## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 2832 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY DOWLING, KAUFFMAN, RYAN, ECKER, PYLE, KULIK, ROWE, TOPPER, SNYDER, BERNSTINE, WARNER, SCHMITT, CAUSER, COX, REESE, DUNBAR, MIHALEK, PUSKARIC, O'NEAL, COOK, GAYDOS, STRUZZI, MIZGORSKI, MILLARD AND HICKERNELL, AUGUST 31, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, AUGUST 31, 2020

## 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 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or 5 6 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or 7 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative 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 12 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive 13 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of 14 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and 15 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, 16 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and 17 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation 18 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of 19 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be 20 21 determined," providing for event venue indoor space 22 operation.
- 23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 24 hereby enacts as follows:
- 25 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
- 26 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an
- 27 article to read:

1	<u>ARTICLE I-B</u>
2	EVENT VENUE INDOOR SPACE OPERATION
3	Section 101-B. Definitions.
4	The following words and phrases when used in this article
5	shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
6	<pre>context clearly indicates otherwise:</pre>
7	"Designated county." A county designated by executive order
8	in the yellow or green phase of reopening.
9	"Establishment." As follows:
10	(1) The term includes the following when located in a
11	designated county:
12	(i) A restaurant, bar or private club which serves
13	food and beverages.
14	(ii) A brewpub, brewery, winery or distillery.
15	(2) The term shall not include a night club, music or
16	<pre>entertainment venue.</pre>
17	"Event venue." As follows:
18	(1) The term includes a banquet hall, private club or
19	establishment which regularly holds events when located in a
20	designated county.
21	(2) The term shall not include a night club or music
22	venue.
23	Section 102-B. Operation.
24	An event venue with inside seating in existence on the
25	effective date of this section may, beginning on the effective
26	date of this section, begin operation on the inside seating
27	portion of the event venue.
28	Section 103-B. Requirements.
29	(a) Applicability This section shall apply to event venues
30	operating under section 102-B.

- 1 (b) Guidelines. -- The following shall apply:
- 2 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), an event
- 3 venue shall follow guidelines issued by the Centers for
- 4 <u>Disease Control and Prevention and the Commonwealth regarding</u>
- 5 <u>business and building operations.</u>
- 6 (2) An event venue may, consistent with guidelines
- 7 issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
- 8 <u>the Commonwealth regarding business and building operations,</u>
- 9 <u>use suitable barriers in addition to social distancing</u>
- 10 requirements.
- 11 (c) Applicable practices. -- An event venue shall, to the
- 12 <u>extent possible</u>, follow applicable practices of the:
- 13 <u>(1) The World Health Organization's mass gathering</u>
- 14 <u>guidance</u>, titled "Key planning recommendations for mass
- gatherings in the context of COVID-19," published May 29,
- 16 2020.
- 17 (2) United States Food and Drug Administration's Best
- 18 Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-
- 19 Up/Delivery Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 20 (d) Limitation. -- An event venue may not use more than 50% of
- 21 the event venue's seating capacity during operation.
- 22 Section 104-B. Expiration.
- 23 This article shall expire upon termination or expiration of
- 24 the declaration of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
- 25 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).
- 26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.