
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MILLARD, KNOWLES, ROWE, KAUFFMAN, ROTHMAN, MOUL,
RYAN, COX, KEEFER, PICKETT, ZIMMERMAN, CAUSER, JOZWIAK,
SAYLOR AND WHEELAND, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in COVID-19 disaster emergency,
3 providing for certain public events not subject to shutdowns
4 by government.

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

7 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5702. Certain public events not subject to shutdowns by
10 government.

11 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding the provisions of section
12 7301 (relating to general authority of Governor) or any other
13 law to the contrary, during the COVID-19 disaster emergency,
14 neither the Commonwealth nor any municipality may restrict or
15 impose a limitation through an executive order, proclamation,
16 regulation, resolution or ordinance or other official action,
17 including through means of a color code system or otherwise, on
18 the number of individuals who may lawfully gather or assemble

1 during any of the following events conducted on public or
2 private property:

3 (1) Fairs.

4 (2) Amusement rides and attractions, including
5 recreational activities in pools or bodies of water.

6 (3) Fire department carnivals.

7 (4) Religious worship, including weddings, funerals,
8 other religious rituals and religious socials.

9 (5) Family reunions and birthday parties.

10 (6) Festivals on public streets.

11 (7) Fishing and hunting tournaments.

12 (8) Animal exhibitions, including dog shows, State 4-H
13 Club shows and National FFA Organization shows.

14 (9) Flea markets, farmers markets and garage sales.

15 (10) Other similar events.

16 (b) Nonapplicability.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to
17 occupancy permits issued prior to March 6, 2020, insofar as the
18 occupancy permits place a maximum limitation of the number of
19 individuals permitted to occupy a premises, such as a
20 restaurant, bar or other retail establishment where food,
21 beverages or goods or services are offered for sale to the
22 public.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.