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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 23, 2021

AN ACT

1 Providing for distribution of COVID-19 vaccine and for delivery
2 of COVID-19 vaccine.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the COVID-19
7 Vaccine Distribution Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "County." A county of any class in this Commonwealth.

13 "COVID-19." The novel coronavirus identified in the
14 Governor's proclamation of disaster emergency issued on March 6,
15 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).

16 "COVID-19 vaccine." A vaccine for COVID-19 that has received
17 an emergency use authorization from the United States Food and

1 Drug Administration.

2 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

3 "Local department or board of health." As defined in section
4 2(f) of the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known
5 as the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955.

6 Section 3. Distribution of COVID-19 vaccine.

7 (a) Distribution.--On and after the effective date of this
8 section, the department shall distribute the COVID-19 vaccine in
9 a manner consistent with the population of a county receiving
10 the COVID-19 vaccine. The department may not consider factors
11 other than a county's population in the department's COVID-19
12 vaccine distribution plan.

13 (b) Administration.--On and after the effective date of this
14 section, the department shall distribute the first dose of the
15 COVID-19 vaccine in a manner to ensure that each county receives
16 an equal amount of the COVID-19 vaccine based on the percentage
17 of each county's population. In determining how to distribute
18 the COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with this subsection, the
19 department shall rank each county based on the number of COVID-
20 19 vaccine doses administered per 1000 individuals within each
21 county. The department shall prioritize the distribution of the
22 COVID-19 vaccine to the counties that rank in lowest 25th
23 percentile. This subsection shall not apply to the second dose
24 of the COVID-19 vaccine.

25 Section 4. Delivery of COVID-19 vaccine.

26 For a county with a local department or board of health, the
27 department shall deliver the vaccine to the local department or
28 board of health, except if the delivery is expressly declined by
29 the county. The local department or board of health shall
30 distribute the COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with the county's

- 1 COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.
- 2 Section 5. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect immediately.