

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2423 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY TOEPEL, MILLARD, TURZAI AND JAMES, APRIL 20, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 20, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
 2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
 14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
 17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
 19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
 20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
 21 determined," providing for emergency COVID-19 provisions.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
 25 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an
 26 article to read:

27 ARTICLE I-A

28 EMERGENCY COVID-19 PROVISIONS

1 Section 101-A. Extension of waiver provisions.

2 (a) General rule.--The Secretary of Community and Economic
3 Development shall immediately issue a waiver to the Governor's
4 20200319 TWW COVID 19 Business Closure Order to all accredited
5 zoo activities that can adhere to the social distancing
6 practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers
7 for Disease Control to protect workers and to mitigate the
8 spread of the COVID-19 virus.

9 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
10 "accredited zoo" shall mean a Pennsylvania accredited zoo
11 designated by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums or the
12 Zoological Association of America or a member of the
13 Pennsylvania Zoological Council.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.