
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND, STAATS, ROSSI, ORTITAY, GREINER,
BERNSTINE, MOUL, KAUFFMAN, HAMM AND JOZWIAK, MARCH 18, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 18, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500),
2 entitled "An act providing for the prevention and control of
3 communicable and non-communicable diseases including venereal
4 diseases, fixing responsibility for disease prevention and
5 control, requiring reports of diseases, and authorizing
6 treatment of venereal diseases, and providing for premarital
7 and prenatal blood tests; amending, revising and
8 consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing
9 certain acts," providing for amnesty for disciplinary actions
10 regarding COVID-19 protocols.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510,
14 No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control Law of
15 1955, is amended by adding a section to read:

16 Section 20.1. Amnesty for Disciplinary Actions Regarding
17 COVID-19 Protocols.--

18 Any disciplinary action taken, penalty paid or violation
19 noted in a report of inspection by a local board or department
20 of health, the department or by the Department of Agriculture on
21 a retail food facility as defined in 3 Pa.C.S. § 5702 (relating
22 to definitions) for failure to comply with any of the following

1 during the period when the Governor's proclamation of disaster
2 emergency issued on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644
3 (March 21, 2020), was in effect shall be removed from the
4 official record, and in the case of a penalty paid, shall be
5 refunded:

6 (1) The provisions of section 5 or an order by the secretary
7 under section 5.

8 (2) A proclamation or order of the Governor under 35 Pa.C.S.
9 § 7301(f)(7) (relating to general authority of Governor),
10 section 8(a) of the act of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312, No.218),
11 entitled "An act creating a Department of Health, and defining
12 its powers and duties," or section 2102(a) of the act of April
13 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of
14 1929, which relates to the novel coronavirus known as "COVID-
15 19."

16 (3) An order of the secretary under section 8(a) of the act
17 of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled "An act creating a
18 Department of Health, and defining its powers and duties,"
19 section 2102(a) or 2106 of The Administrative Code of 1929, or
20 28 Pa. Code § 27.60 (relating to disease control measures),
21 27.61 (relating to isolation), 27.65 (relating to quarantine),
22 27.66 (relating to placarding), 27.67 (relating to movement of
23 persons and animals subject to isolation or quarantine by action
24 of a local health authority or the department) or 27.68
25 (relating to release from isolation or quarantine), which
26 relates to the novel coronavirus known as "COVID-19."

27 (4) Guidance issued by the department or the Department of
28 Human Services relating to the novel coronavirus known as
29 "COVID-19."

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.