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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Pennsylvania Brewery, Distillery and Winery
2 Manufacturers COVID-19 Grant Program; imposing powers and
3 duties on the Department of Community and Economic
4 Development; and making an appropriation.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania
9 Brewery, Distillery and Winery Manufacturers COVID-19 Grant
10 Program Act.

11 Section 2. Definitions.

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

15 "COVID-19." The coronavirus disease 2019, an infectious
16 disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus
17 2 that was first identified during December 2019 in Wuhan,
18 China.

1 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic
2 Development of the Commonwealth.

3 "Fund." The COVID-19 Brewery, Distillery and Winery
4 Manufacturers Grant Fund established under this act.

5 "Manufacturer." A limited winery, limited distillery,
6 distillery or brewery licensed in this Commonwealth.

7 "Proclamation of disaster emergency." The proclamation of
8 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,
9 published in 50 Pa. B 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
10 the state of disaster emergency.

11 "Program." The Pennsylvania Brewery, Distillery and Winery
12 Manufacturers COVID-19 Grant Program established under this act.
13 Section 3. Program.

14 (a) Establishment.--The Pennsylvania Brewery, Distillery and
15 Winery Manufacturers COVID-19 Grant Program is established
16 within the department.

17 (b) Duties of department.--The department shall award grants
18 under the program in accordance with this act to manufacturers
19 that are adversely affected financially due to COVID-19.

20 Section 4. Fund established.

21 The Pennsylvania Brewery, Distillery and Winery Manufacturers
22 COVID-19 Grant Fund is established in the State Treasury. Money
23 deposited into the fund shall be used exclusively by the
24 department to award grants to manufacturers under the program.

25 Section 5. Grant application forms.

26 (a) Development.--The department shall develop a grant
27 application form for a manufacturer to apply for a grant under
28 the program. At a minimum, the grant application form shall
29 contain the following information:

30 (1) The name, address and contact information of the

1 manufacturer.

2 (2) The amount of grant money requested under the
3 program.

4 (3) The proposed use for the grant money requested under
5 the program.

6 (4) The financial impact on the manufacturer due to
7 COVID-19.

8 (5) Any other information that the department deems
9 necessary and appropriate.

10 (b) Submission.--A manufacturer must submit the grant
11 application form to and in a manner prescribed by the department
12 to be eligible for a grant under the program.

13 Section 6. Award of grants.

14 (a) Review.--No later than 20 days after receipt of the
15 grant application under section 5(a), the department shall
16 review the grant application, determine whether to award a grant
17 to the manufacturer under the program and determine the amount
18 of the grant money to be awarded to the manufacturer, if
19 applicable.

20 (b) Considerations.--In determining the amount of the grant
21 money to be awarded to the manufacturer:

22 (1) The department shall consider:

23 (i) The geographic and demographic diversity of the
24 manufacturer.

25 (ii) How the manufacturer and the surrounding
26 community would be served through the award of the grant
27 money to the manufacturer.

28 (2) The department may require documentation and
29 information regarding the gross annual receipts and employees
30 of the manufacturer.

1 (c) Notice.--After conducting a review and making a
2 determination on a grant application under subsection (a), the
3 department shall provide written notice to the manufacturer of
4 the award or denial of a grant under the program. Notice of the
5 award of a grant under the program shall include the amount of
6 the grant money awarded and any conditions or restrictions on
7 the use of the grant money. Notice of the denial of all or part
8 of the grant money requested under the program in the grant
9 application shall include the reasons for the full or partial
10 denial.

11 Section 7. Public notice.

12 The department shall provide information regarding the
13 availability and award of grants under the program on the
14 department's publicly accessible Internet website.

15 Section 8. Limitations on award of grants.

16 Subject to the availability of funding, a grant to a
17 manufacturer under the program shall not exceed \$20,000.

18 Section 9. Reports.

19 (a) Preparation.--No later than 60 days after the notice is
20 published under section 12(a), the department shall prepare a
21 report listing each manufacturer that received grant money under
22 the program and a summary of the information specified in each
23 grant application under section 5(a).

24 (b) Publication.--The department shall post the report under
25 subsection (a) on the department's publicly accessible Internet
26 website.

27 Section 10. Guidelines.

28 The department may promulgate guidelines for the
29 implementation and administration of this article.

30 Section 11. Appropriation.

1 The sum of \$20,000,000 shall be transferred from the Workers'
2 Compensation Security Fund into the fund for the purpose of
3 awarding grants under the program.

4 Section 12. Expiration.

5 (a) Notice.--Upon termination or expiration of the
6 proclamation of disaster emergency under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c)
7 (relating to general authority of Governor), the department
8 shall transmit notice of the expiration or termination to the
9 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania
10 Bulletin.

11 (b) Authority.--The authority of the department to award
12 grants under the program shall expire 30 days after publication
13 of the notice under subsection (a).

14 Section 13. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 30 days.