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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 11, 2021

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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 COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

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 XXI-E

1 COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

2 Section 2101-E. Definitions.

3 The following words and phrases when used in this article  
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
5 context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "COVID-19." The novel coronavirus identified in the  
7 Governor's proclamation of disaster emergency issued on March 6,  
8 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).

9 "COVID-19 Interim Vaccination Plan." The interim plan  
10 developed by the department to inform residents of this  
11 Commonwealth about the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in  
12 accordance with recommendations from the United States  
13 Department of Health and Human Services and the Advisory  
14 Committee on Immunization Practices under the Centers for  
15 Disease Control and Prevention.

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

19 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.  
20 Section 2102-E. COVID-19 Interim Vaccination Plan.

21 Notwithstanding any other law, regulation or order, the  
22 department shall authorize individuals with type 1 diabetes in  
23 this Commonwealth to receive the COVID-19 vaccine under Phase 1A  
24 of the COVID-19 Interim Vaccination Plan.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.