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1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for COVID-19 testing for
3 inspectors and imposing duties on the Department of Health
4 and the Department of Human Services.

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

7 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 57B

10 COVID-19 TESTING FOR INSPECTORS

11 Sec.

12 57B01. Scope of chapter.

13 57B02. Definitions.

14 57B03. Inspections.

15 57B04. Effect of negative COVID-19 test.

16 57B05. Expiration.

17 § 57B01. Scope of chapter.

18 This chapter relates to COVID-19 testing for inspectors.

19 § 57B02. Definitions.

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

4 "Assisted living residence." As defined in section 1001 of
5 the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human
6 Services Code.

7 "COVID-19." The coronavirus disease 2019, an infectious
8 disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus
9 2 that was first identified during December 2019 in Wuhan,
10 China.

11 "Long-term care nursing facility." As defined in section
12 802.1 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the
13 Health Care Facilities Act.

14 "Personal care home." As defined in section 1001 of the
15 Human Services Code.

16 "Proclamation of disaster emergency." The proclamation of
17 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,
18 published in 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
19 the state of disaster emergency.

20 § 57B03. Inspections.

21 (a) Long-term care nursing care facilities.--Prior to an
22 inspector entering a long-term care nursing facility for an
23 inspection, the Department of Health shall verify that the
24 inspector has received a negative COVID-19 test within the past
25 72 hours.

26 (b) Assisted living residences and personal care homes.--
27 Prior to an inspector entering an assisted living residence or a
28 personal care home for an inspection, the Department of Human
29 Services shall verify that the inspector has received a negative
30 COVID-19 test within the past 72 hours.

1 § 57B04. Effect of negative COVID-19 test.

2 The receipt of a negative COVID-19 test by an inspector shall
3 not exempt the inspector from abiding by:

4 (1) Federal and State guidelines regarding COVID-19.

5 (2) Safety precautions regarding COVID-19 that have been
6 adopted by the long-term care nursing facility, assisted
7 living residence or personal care home that the inspector is
8 inspecting.

9 § 57B05. Expiration.

10 This chapter shall expire upon the termination or expiration
11 of the proclamation of disaster emergency.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

