THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 118   Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY KAUFER, READSHAW, FEE, DRISCOLL, TAYLOR, MURT, MILLARD, RADER, DAVIS, MULLERY, BAKER, McNEILL, BOBACK, D. MILLER, SIMMONS, SAYLOR, CUTLER AND COOK, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), entitled "An
2   act relating to health care; prescribing the powers and
3   duties of the Department of Health; establishing and
4   providing the powers and duties of the State Health
5   Coordinating Council, health systems agencies and Health Care
6   Policy Board in the Department of Health, and State Health
7   Facility Hearing Board in the Department of Justice;
8   providing for certification of need of health care providers
9   and prescribing penalties," in licensing of health care
10   facilities, providing for Emergency Drug and Alcohol
11   Detoxification Program.

12   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

13 hereby enacts as follows:

14   Section 1. The act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known

15 as the Health Care Facilities Act, is amended by adding a

16 section to read:

17 Section 822. Emergency Drug and Alcohol Detoxification Program.

18   (a) Establishment.--The Emergency Drug and Alcohol

19 Detoxification Program is established in the department to

20 provide for detoxification in licensed health care facilities

21 and to establish detoxification facilities. The program shall be

22 administered by the department.

1   (b) Existing facilities.--The Emergency Drug and Alcohol

2 Detoxification Program shall, to the greatest extent possible,

3 utilize existing beds in health care facilities.

4   (c) Powers and duties of the department.--In order to

5 provide individuals seeking assistance with better and more

6 timely access to drug and alcohol detoxification, the department

7 shall provide special priority review for applications for

8 licensure under this section.

9   Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.