

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions During the 1996 Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 1995 Regular and Special Sessions.

1996 ACTS—Acts 18 through 26 (numerical)

<i>Act No.</i>	<i>Enactment Date</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Printer's No.</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
1996-18	Apr. 4	SB140	PN1804	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—penalties for accidents involving death or personal injury
1996-19	Apr. 4	SB944	PN1820	Immediately	Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-20	Apr. 4	SB432	PN1843	Immediately*	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-21	Apr. 4	HB2033	PN2752	Immediately	Project 70 lands—sale of Clinton County lands
1996-22	Apr. 4	HB270	PN1951	60 days	Military Affairs (51 Pa.C.S.)—furnishing certified copies of documents without charge to armed forces reserves and National Guard
1996-23	Apr. 4	HB47	PN1649	60 days	State Fire Marshal Law—gasoline dispensing nozzles at self-service stations
1996-24	Apr. 4	HB1100	PN2628	Immediately	Unfair Insurance Practices Act—unfair competition and practices and definitions
1996-25	Apr. 4	HB1897	PN2336	30 days	Normandy Memorial Drive—designation
1996-26	Apr. 4	HB2004	PN2485	Immediately	William B. Wilson Highway—designation

Effective Dates of Statutes

The effective dates specified above for laws and appropriation acts were contained in the applicable law or appropriation act. Where no date is specified or where the effective date specified is prior to the date of enactment, the effective date is 60 days after final enactment except for statutes making appropriations or affecting budgets of political subdivisions. See 1 Pa.C.S. §§ 1701—1704 (relating to effective dates of statutes).

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Legislative Bills and Documents

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Copies of House Bills and Documents may be obtained from: Document Room, House of Representatives, 35 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, telephone (717) 787-5320.

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