

# 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 35 through 42 (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>
1996-35	May 16	SB1441	PN2008	Immediately*	Public Welfare Code—omnibus amendments
1996-36	May 16	HB1924	PN2565	90 days	Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—credit and debit cards used for purchase of licenses, permits, publications, etc.
1996-37	May 16	HB2008	PN2489	60 days	Weights and Measures Act of 1965—sale of potatoes
1996-38	May 16	SB222	PN228	Immediately	Thomas J. Fee Bridge—designation
1996-39	May 16	SB652	PN1939	Immediately	Second Class County Code—omnibus amendments
1996-40	May 16	SB856	PN1765	Immediately	Prison Medical Services Act—enactment
1996-41	May 16	SB1314	PN1834	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Chester County
1996-42	May 16	SB975	PN1937	Immediately	Adult Literacy Act—omnibus amendments

\*with exceptions

### 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).

### Advance Copies of Statutes

Section 1106 of Title 1 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes provides that the prothonotaries of each county shall file advance copies of statutes in their offices for public inspection until the Laws of Pennsylvania are generally available. Section 2406(h) of The Administrative Code of 1929 provides that the Department of General Services shall distribute advance sheets of the Laws of Pennsylvania to each law judge of the courts, to every county and public library of this Commonwealth, and to each member of the General Assembly. These copies shall be furnished without charge. The Department shall also mail one copy of each law enacted during any legislative session to any person who pays to it the sum of \$20.

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### LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND DOCUMENTS

Copies of Senate Bills and Documents may be obtained from: Document Room, Senate of Pennsylvania, Room 34A, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, telephone (717) 787-6732.

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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