

# 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 43 through 48 (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>
1996-43	May 22	HB1940	PN3484	60 days	Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act—omnibus amendments
1996-44	May 22	HB2042	PN2541	Immediately*	Commercial Code (13 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-45	May 22	HB2140	PN2674	60 days	Food Act—adulterated food
1996-46	May 22	HB814	PN3440	Immediately	Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (42 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-47	May 22	HB2063	PN3342	Immediately	Fire and Panic Act—smoke detectors in class VI buildings
1996-48	May 22	HB1944	PN2566	Immediately	Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—permits for disabled persons and fee for temporary permit

### 1996 SPECIAL SESSION ACT—Act 1 (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>
1996-1	May 22	SB2	PN29	Immediately	Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S.)—special powers of local agencies

\*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).

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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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