

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 1996 Regular and Special Sessions.

1996 ACTS—Acts 134 through 148 (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>
1996-134	Nov. 21	HB544	PN4238	Immediately*	State Lottery Law—omnibus amendments
1996-135	Nov. 26	HB2210	PN4281	Immediately*	Health Care Services Malpractice Act—omnibus amendments
1996-136	Nov. 27	SB598	PN622	Immediately	Charitable Instruments Act of 1971—governing instruments of charitable organizations
1996-137	Nov. 27	HB2380	PN4071	60 days	Hardwoods Development Council Act—definitions, powers and duties and transfer to Department of Agriculture
1996-138	Dec. 3	HB1509	PN4282	Jan. 1, '97	Associations Code (15 Pa.C.S.) and Public Utility Code (66 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-139	Dec. 4	HB774	PN4199	Immediately	Military Affairs (51 Pa.C.S.)—assistant adjutant general appointments and officers and enlisted personnel pay
1996-140	Dec. 4	HB1782	PN3657	60 days	C.P.A. Law, The—omnibus amendments
1996-141	Dec. 4	HB2511	PN3636	60 days	Liquor Code—omnibus amendments
1996-142	Dec. 4	SB1165	PN1361	Immediately	Peer Review Protection Act—definitions and veterinarian peer review committees
1996-143	Dec. 4	SB1645	PN2242	Immediately	Regulation and government of Northampton county prison—repeal
1996-144	Dec. 4	SB484	PN2316	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Lackawanna County
1996-145	Dec. 4	SB1315	PN2426	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—deceptive business practices and prohibition of tobacco in school
1996-146	Dec. 4	SB1316	PN2427	60 days	Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law—omnibus amendments
1996-147	Dec. 4	SB1317	PN2388	90 days	Telemarketer Registration Act—enactment
1996-148	Dec. 4	SB857	PN2459	90 days	Capital Budget Project Itemization Act for 1996-1997—enactment

*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 made in 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.

Requests for annual subscriptions for advance copies of statutes should be sent to the State Bookstore, State Records Center Building, 1825 Stanley Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17103, accompanied by a check or money order in the sum of \$20, payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

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.

CARL MEASE,
Acting Director

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 96-2175. Filed for public inspection December 27, 1996, 9:00 a.m.]
