

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 1 through 6 (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	Feb. 7	HB1076	PN2883	60 days	Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law—attorney fees in municipal claims and certified mail notification to property owners of petitions or rules
1996-2	Feb. 7	HB76	PN2930	Immediately	Ohioyle State Park—granting restricted right-of-way allowing cable television transmission lines to cross property
1996-3	Feb. 7	SB619	PN1633	60 days	Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (42 Pa.C.S.)—confidential mediation communications and documents and collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties
1996-4	Feb. 7	SB725	PN1635	60 days	Amusement Ride Inspection Act—accident records and reports
1996-5	Feb. 15	HB908	PN2979	Immediately	Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (42 Pa.C.S.)—exceptions relating to attachment of personal earnings
1996-6	Feb. 15	HB2009	PN2490	Immediately	First class cities—medical examiners authorized to arrange for embalming of bodies and good faith immunity for persons acting under authorization

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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