

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 149 through 202 (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>
1996-149	Dec. 10	HB2091	PN4198	Immediately*	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-150	Dec. 10	HB2579	PN3601	Immediately	Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act—municipal obligations
1996-151	Dec. 11	HB397	PN4292	Immediately*	Dog Law—omnibus amendments
1996-152	Dec. 18	SB388	PN2030	Immediately	Special Ad Hoc Municipal Police and Firefighter Postretirement Adjustment Act—postretirement adjustment amount modification
1996-153	Dec. 18	SB1320	PN2383	Immediately	Land Preservation for open space uses—omnibus amendments
1996-154	Dec. 18	SB31	PN2379	60 days*	Insurance Company Law of 1921, The—omnibus amendments
1996-155	Dec. 18	SB509	PN2452	60 days	Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-156	Dec. 18	SB537	PN2457	60 days	Public Utility Code (66 Pa.C.S.)—distribution system improvement projects cost recovery and State correctional institutions
1996-157	Dec. 18	SB686	PN720	60 days	Third Class City Code—fiscal matters notice publication
1996-158	Dec. 18	SB809	PN2417	60 days	Transportation (74 Pa.C.S.)—general authority of department
1996-159	Dec. 18	SB1110	PN2420	60 days	Accident and Health Filing Reform Act—enactment
1996-160	Dec. 18	SB1204	PN2462	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—hindering apprehension or prosecution and bottle club definition
1996-161	Dec. 18	SB1322	PN2401	60 days	Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (42 Pa.C.S.)—child victims and witnesses
1996-162	Dec. 18	SB1590	PN2454	Immediately	Conveyances—Commonwealth property in Cambria, Westmoreland, Warren, Armstrong, Tioga, Lycoming and Bucks counties and City of Philadelphia
1996-163	Dec. 18	SB1662	PN2259	60 days	Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act—controlled substances schedules
1996-164	Dec. 18	SB1667	PN2385	Immediately	Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law—probation and parole
1996-165	Dec. 18	SB1197	PN2448	60 days	Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code—omnibus amendments
1996-166	Dec. 18	SB1397	PN2389	Immediately	Community Services Act—reenactment and amendment
1996-167	Dec. 18	HB168	PN3374	Immediately	Education (24 Pa.C.S.) and State Government (71 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-168	Dec. 18	HB299	PN4305	Immediately*	Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code (20 Pa.C.S.)—death security registration transfer and reports for school district trustees

* with exceptions

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1996-169	Dec. 18	HB304	PN4297	Immediately*	Older Adults Protective Services Act—omnibus amendments
1996-170	Dec. 18	HB682	PN1647	60 days	Incorporated towns—regulation of contracts
1996-171	Dec. 18	HB683	PN755	60 days	Borough Code, The—contracts
1996-172	Dec. 18	HB685	PN4002	60 days	Second Class Township Code, The—omnibus amendments
1996-173	Dec. 18	HB686	PN758	60 days	First Class Township Code, The—contracts
1996-174	Dec. 18	HB873	PN4200	Immediately	Air Pollution Control Act—prohibition against adoption of agricultural rules and regulations for small business ombudsman
1996-175	Dec. 18	HB1116	PN4127	60 days	Second Class Township Code, The—fire personnel training, schools and centers, appropriations
1996-176	Dec. 18	HB1118	PN4129	60 days	Borough Code, The—fire personnel training, schools and centers, appropriations
1996-177	Dec. 19	SB689	PN2340	60 days	Municipalities Generally (53 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-178	Dec. 19	SB1585	PN2451	Immediately	Chiropractic Practice Act—unlicensed support personnel
1996-179	Dec. 19	HB1468	PN4048	Jan. 1, '97	Medical Care Savings Account Act—enactment
1996-180	Dec. 19	HB1757	PN4123	45 days	Real and Personal Property (68 Pa.C.S.)—planned communities
1996-181	Dec. 19	HB2314	PN3002	60 days	Second Class Township Code, The—contracts
1996-182	Dec. 19	HB2828	PN4116	60 days	Pennsylvania Bituminous Coal Mine Act—omnibus amendments
1996-183	Dec. 19	HB2630	PN3576	Immediately	Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law—Office of Attorney General employe benefits
1996-184	Dec. 19	HB2463	PN4236	60 days*	Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-185	Dec. 19	HB2585	PN4294	60 days	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-186	Dec. 19	HB2592	PN3936	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—interception and disclosure of communications by county correctional institution inmates, exceptions
1996-187	Dec. 19	HB2627	PN4249	Immediately	Underground Utility Line Protection Law—omnibus amendments
1996-188	Dec. 19	HB2657	PN4158	60 days	Local Tax Collection Law—notification of delinquent real estate taxpayers
1996-189	Dec. 19	HB2703	PN4285	Immediately	Unemployment Compensation Law—contribution rate determination and employer reserve accounts
1996-190	Dec. 19	HB1929	PN4201	Immediately	Waste Tire Recycling Act and Small Business and Household Pollution Prevention Program Act—enactment
1996-191	Dec. 20	HB1532	PN3585	6 months	Medical Foods Insurance Coverage Act—enactment

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1996-192	Dec. 20	HB2312	PN3000	60 days	First Class Township Code, The—contracts
1996-193	Dec. 20	HB2313	PN3001	Immediately	Borough Code, The—contracts
1996-194	Dec. 20	HB2295	PN4205	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—unlawful operation of recording device in motion picture theater
1996-195	Dec. 20	HB2572	PN4264	60 days	Taxpayers' Bill of Rights—enactment
1996-196	Dec. 20	HB2257	PN4273	60 days	Volunteer Health Services Act—enactment
1996-197	Dec. 20	HB2617	PN4214	Immediately	Goods and Services Installment Sales Act—service charges (installment contract, installment account and minimum)
1996-198	Dec. 20	HB2118	PN3053	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—criminal mischief
1996-199	Dec. 20	HB2292	PN4283	60 days	Liquor Code—omnibus amendments
1996-200	Dec. 20	HB2348	PN3035	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—retail theft
1996-201	Dec. 20	HB2401	PN3213	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—bad checks
1996-202	Dec. 20	HB2685	PN4245	Immediately	Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act—Allegheny County and City of Pittsburgh release and imposition of restrictions

1996 APPROPRIATION—Act 47A (numerical)

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1996-47A	Dec. 18	SB863	PN2433	Immediately	Department of Labor and Industry—workers' compensation and occupational disease administrative expenses, etc.

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Effective Dates of Statutes

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