

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions During the 1997 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 1997 Regular Session.

1997 ACTS—Acts 3 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>
1997-3	April 17	HB67	PN1531	Immediately*	Transportation (74 Pa.C.S.) and Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1997-4	April 22	SB168	PN388	Immediately	Third Class County Assessment Board Law—omnibus amendments
1997-5	April 22	HB149	PN1340	Immediately*	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—firearms and expungement of arrest records relating to sexual offenses
1997-6	April 25	HB12	PN168	60 days	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—sentencing for murder of first degree

* with exceptions

1997 APPROPRIATIONS—Acts 1A through 3A (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>
1997-1A	April 25	HB850	PN952	July 1, 1997	Office of Small Business Advocate—operation
1997-2A	April 25	HB853	PN955	July 1, 1997	Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs—operation
1997-3A	April 25	HB855	PN957	July 1, 1997	Department of Labor and Industry and Department of Community and Economic Development—workers' compensation and occupational disease administrative expenses, etc.

* 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.

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,
Director

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 97-755. Filed for public inspection May 16, 1997, 9:00 a.m.]