

# 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 52 through 57 (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>
1997-52	Nov. 26	HB360	PN1479	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—furnishing drug-free urine
1997-53	Nov. 26	HB679	PN2565	60 days	Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act—commitment of minors and financial obligation
1997-54	Nov. 26	HB1475	PN2472	Immediately	Self-Employment Assistance Program Act—enactment
1997-55	Nov. 26	HB55	PN2575	Immediately*	Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act—enactment
1997-56	Nov. 26	HB141	PN151	Immediately	Conveyances, deeds and mortgages—validation of defective acknowledgments date change
1997-57	Nov. 26	HB1027	PN2530	Immediately	Administrative Code of 1929, The—omnibus amendments

\*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, (717) 787-5320.

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