

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions During the 1998 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 1998 Regular Session.

1998 ACTS—ACTS 57 through 62 (numerical)

<i>Act No.</i>	<i>Enact. Date</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Prntr's No.</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
1998-57	May 15	SB5	PN1924	180 days	Procurement (62 Pa.C.S.)—enactment
1998-58	May 15	SB682	PN1975	Immediately*	Agricultural operations—public nuisances limitation and definition
1998-59	May 15	SB981	PN1615	Immediately	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—adjutant general powers and duties and Armory Board construction and repair contracts
1998-60	May 15	HB9	PN2510	Immediately	Agriculture Education Loan Forgiveness Act—expiration date of law deleted
1998-61	May 15	HB2098	PN2747	Immediately	Repeals—obsolete laws relating to constables fees
1998-62	May 15	HB2194	PN2890	Immediately	Port of Philadelphia—pilotage rates and fees for certain services

* 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 of 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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