

# 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 126 through 174 (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>
1998-126	Dec. 15	HB1897	PN4149	Immediately*	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1998-127	Dec. 15	HB1992	PN4148	Immediately*	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1998-128	Dec. 15	HB2664	PN4081	60 days	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—court-appointed special advocates in juvenile matters
1998-129	Dec. 16	HB2024	PN4170	Immediately	Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act—enactment
1998-130	Dec. 21	SB56	PN55	Immediately	Noise pollution—immunity from nuisance actions
1998-131	Dec. 21	SB94	PN2252	60 days	Mortgage Bankers and Brokers Act—omnibus amendments
1998-132	Dec. 21	SB95	PN2309	Immediately*	Savings Association Code of 1967—omnibus amendments
1998-133	Dec. 21	SB510	PN2194	60 days	Real Estate Tax Sale Law—omnibus amendments
1998-134	Dec. 21	SB512	PN2300	60 days	Housing Authorities Law—taxes and municipal utility bills payment
1998-135	Dec. 21	SB541	PN2163	60 days	Third Class City Code—property maintenance ordinances adoption authorization and fines and penalties
1998-136	Dec. 21	SB619	PN2288	60 days	Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act—omnibus amendments
1998-137	Dec. 21	SB1011	PN2313	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Allegheny, Bedford, Cambria, Columbia, Delaware, Fayette, Lycoming, Montgomery, Warren, Venango and Wayne counties and the City of Philadelphia
1998-138	Dec. 21	SB930	PN2256	60 days	Agricultural Area Security Law—omnibus amendments
1998-139	Dec. 21	SB1193	PN2314	60 days	Roxanne H. Jones Avenue, 78th Division Highway, POW/MIA Remembrance Highway, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Highway and Arthur F. Detisch Memorial Bridge—designation
1998-140	Dec. 21	SB1200	PN2259	Immediately*	American Ex-Prisoners of War Highway, Bernard J. Dombrowski Memorial Highway, Nittany Parkway, Senator Clarence F. Manbeck Bridge, James Dicosimo Bypass, Standing Stone Parkway, 94th Infantry Division Memorial Highway and Ben Weaver Bridge—designation
1998-141	Dec. 21	SB1205	PN2305	Immediately	Associations Code (15 Pa.C.S.) and Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code (20 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1998-142	Dec. 21	SB1218	PN2306	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Washington, Montgomery and Franklin counties
1998-143	Dec. 21	SB1239	PN2307	60 days	Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law—omnibus amendments

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1998-144	Dec. 21	SB1262	PN1916	Immediately*	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—commencement of actions within 6 months and deficiency judgments
1998-145	Dec. 21	SB1373	PN1783	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—revisions and repeals relating to motor vehicle chop shops and illegally obtained and altered property
1998-146	Dec. 21	SB1461	PN2290	Jan. 1, 1999	Second Class County Code—omnibus amendments
1998-147	Dec. 21	SB1495	PN2115	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Erie County
1998-148	Dec. 21	SB1529	PN2308	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Potter and Centre counties
1998-149	Dec. 21	HB148	PN4191	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1998-150	Dec. 21	HB366	PN4192	Immediately*	Insurance Company Law of 1921, The—omnibus amendments
1998-151	Dec. 21	HB433	PN4186	Immediately*	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1998-152	Dec. 21	HB501	PN3990	60 days	Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Act — enactment
1998-153	Dec. 21	HB558	PN4168	60 days*	Hearing Aid Sales Registration Law—omnibus amendments
1998-154	Dec. 21	HB601	PN4190	Immediately*	Public School Code of 1949—omnibus amendments
1998-155	Dec. 21	HB613	PN4172	Immediately	Liquor Code—omnibus amendments
1998-156	Dec. 21	HB680	PN4080	Immediately	Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974—omnibus amendments
1998-157	Dec. 21	HB689	PN4195	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1998-158	Dec. 21	HB1064	PN3615	60 days	Child Labor Law—entertainment, rehearsals, permits, applications, appeals and volunteer fire company activities
1998-159	Dec. 21	HB1272	PN4193	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—aggravated assault and retaliation against prosecutor or judicial official
1998-160	Dec. 21	HB1426	PN4189	60 days	Housing Finance Agency Law—homeowner's emergency assistance
1998-161	Dec. 21	HB1473	PN4054	60 days	Asbestos Occupations Accreditation and Certification Act—contractor licensing requirements
1998-162	Dec. 21	HB1628	PN4167	Immediately	Public accounts and monies—deferred compensation plans of Commonwealth and political subdivisions
1998-163	Dec. 21	HB1636	PN4174	90 days	History Code (37 Pa.C.S.)—Brandywine Battlefield and Washington Crossing Park Commissions abolishment and transfer of powers and duties to Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
1998-164	Dec. 21	HB1715	PN4178	30 days	Prothonotary Fee Law—establishment, modification and addition of fees
1998-165	Dec. 21	HB1937	PN4125	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Erie County
1998-166	Dec. 21	HB1994	PN4140	Immediately*	Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments

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1998-167	Dec. 21	HB2005	PN3697	Immediately	Consumer Discount Company Act—omnibus amendments
1998-168	Dec. 21	HB2038	PN4147	Immediately*	Minimum Wage Act of 1968—food service employee incentive program establishment
1998-169	Dec. 21	HB2200	PN4150	Dec. 31, 1999	Local Tax Collection Law—tax collection and payment and settlement of duplicates and audits
1998-170	Dec. 21	HB2243	PN2965	60 days	Repeals—obsolete law relating to appointment, organization and discipline of volunteer police officers during war with Germany
1998-171	Dec. 21	HB2258	PN4141	60 days	Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law—supervision of persons paroled in other states
1998-172	Dec. 21	HB2354	PN4187	Immediately	Capital Budget Act of 1998-1999—omnibus amendments
1998-173	Dec. 21	HB2703	PN4175	Jan. 1, 1999	Commerce and trade—sales representatives and principals agreements, contracts and commissions
1998-174	Dec. 21	HB2858	PN4194	60 days	Community and Economic Improvement Act—enactment

\* 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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