THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions During the 2000 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2000 Regular Session.

2000 ACTS—ACTS 1 through 3 (numerical)

Act No.	Enactment Date	Bill No.	Printer's No.	Effective Date	Subject Matter
2000-01	Feb. 11	SB818	PN1611	60 days	Structured Settlement Protection Act—enactment
2000-02	Feb. 11	HB1970	PN2457	60 days	Noncontrolled Substances Reporting and Registration Act—chemicals subject to regulation and penalties
2000-03	Feb. 11	HB1971	PN2458	60 days	Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act—prohibited acts and designer drugs

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 (Department) 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.

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