

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2002 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2002 Regular Session.

<i>Doc. No.</i>	<i>Date of Action</i>	<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Printer's Number</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
2002 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 052 through 055					
052	Jun 11	SB0369	PN1998	immediately	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—police officer authorization to record oral communications
053	Jun 11	HB1933	PN3867	immediately	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
054	Jun 12	SB0769	PN1843	60 days	First Class Township Code, The—civil service commission members, organization, quorum of commission and compensation
055	Jun 12	HB0529	PN0572	immediately	Pennsylvania flag display authorization—memorials, caskets and funerals of police and fire departments, ambulance service, rescue squad or fire police
2002 APPROPRIATION ACTS ENACTED—ACT 001A through 005A					
001A	Jun 12	HB2532	PN3610	July 1, 2002	Office of Small Business Advocate—operation
002A	Jun 12	HB2531	PN3609	July 1, 2002	Office of Consumer Advocate—operation
003A	Jun 12	HB2528	PN3606	July 1, 2002	Department of Labor and Industry and Department of Community and Economic Development—workers' compensation, occupational diseases and Office of Small Business Advocate
004A	Jun 12	HB2526	PN3604	July 1, 2002	Public School Employees' Retirement Board—administrative expenses, etc.
005A	Jun 12	HB2525	PN3603	July 1, 2002	State Employees' Retirement Board—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).

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