

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2004 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 029 through 035					
029	May 18	SB0876	PN1098	60 days	Second Class Township Code—providing for real property
030	May 18	HB1438	PN1784	60 days	Occupational Therapy Practice Act—providing for practice and referral
031	May 18	HB1926	PN2906	immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Elkland Township, Sullivan County
032	May 18	HB1993	PN2611	immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in East and West Hanover Townships, Dauphin County
033	May 18	HB2190	PN3286	60 days	Second Class Township Code—sale of real property owned by township
034	May 18	HB2428	PN3421	60 days	First Class Township Code—power of township commissioners relating to fire houses
035	May 18	HB0794	PN3773	immediately	Vital Statistics Law of 1953—issuance of birth certificates to foreign-born children who have become United States citizens

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036	May 21	HB0832	PN3805	60 days	Crimes and Offenses (18 Pa.C.S.)—tattooing, body piercing and greyhound racing
037	May 21	HB2447	PN3459	immediately*	Township State Highway Law—adding a road, Logan Township, Blair County, to State highway system
2004 VETOES OF BILLS—VETO 001 through 002					
001	May 21	HB2007	PN3559	60 days	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—duties of city controllers in cities of second class and statements of receipts and expenditures
002	May 21	HB2008	PN3546	immediately	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—form and adoption of budget in cities of second class

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