

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2004 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>
2004 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 052 through 072					
052	Jul 2	HB1488	PN1878	immediately	Repeal—law pertaining to salaries and compensation of officers, clerks and employees in office of recorder of deeds in certain counties
053	Jul 2	HB2042	PN4058	60 days	Game Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—wild turkey hunting
054	Jul 2	SB0319	PN1030	immediately*	Interstate Compact for Juveniles Act—enactment
055	Jul 2	SB0751	PN1432	60 days	Medical Practice Act of 1985—respiratory care practitioners and continuing respiratory care education
056	Jul 2	SB0752	PN1545	60 days	Osteopathic Medical Practice Act—licensing of physician assistants, respiratory care permits and continuing education
057	Jul 2	HB0445	PN4198	60 days	Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act—enactment
058	Jul 2	HB0550	PN4101	immediately	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—standing and parking prohibitions
059	Jul 2	HB1937	PN2533	immediately	Edward A. Silk Memorial Bridge—designation
060	Jul 2	HB2268	PN3119	immediately	Repeals—laws pertaining to permanent centennial exposition building in Philadelphia
061	Jul 2	HB2378	PN3356	60 days	Jack E. Kuhn Memorial Highway—designation
062	Jul 2	HB2649	PN3944	60 days	Dr. Charles F. Taylor Memorial Highway and The Last Raft Memorial Bridge—designations
063	Jul 4	SB0200	PN1765	immediately	Education (24 Pa.C.S.)—termination of annuities
064	Jul 4	HB1965	PN2564	immediately	Repeal—law pertaining to Pennsylvania Post-War Planning Commission
065	Jul 4	HB2081	PN3424	60 days	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—early termination of housing rental agreement by military personnel and penalties
066	Jul 4	HB2512	PN4229	immediately	Milk Producers' Security Act—passage of title to milk, security bonds, new licenses, trusteeship, prohibitions and violations, etc.
067	Jul 4	HB2472	PN4320	immediately	Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act—borrowing limitations, bond terms and conditions, Capital Debt Fund, etc.
068	Jul 4	HB2726	PN4321	immediately	Library Code—fiscal year waiver of standards and State aid for 2004-2005
069	Jul 4	HB1039	PN4230	immediately	Public Welfare Code—Medicaid, managed care organization assessments and intermediate care facilities for mentally retarded persons assessments

<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>
070	Jul 4	HB0564	PN4325	immediately*	Public School Code of 1949—background checks of prospective employees, reports to Secretary of Education, withholding of State appropriations, Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee, etc.
071	Jul 5	HB2330	PN4272	immediately	Amusements (4 Pa.C.S.)—Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act
072	Jul 5	SB0100	PN1789	60 days	Homeowner Tax Relief Act—enactment
2004 APPROPRIATION ACTS ENACTED—ACT 001A through 008A					
001A	Jul 2	HB2522	PN3665	immediately	Office of Consumer Advocate—operation
002A	Jul 2	HB2523	PN3666	immediately	Office of Small Business Advocate—operation
003A	Jul 2	HB2524	PN4196	immediately	State Employees' Retirement Board—expenses and payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at end of fiscal year ending June 30, 2004
004A	Jul 2	HB2525	PN3668	immediately	Public School Employees' Retirement Board—expenses and payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at end of fiscal year ending June 30, 2004
005A	Jul 2	HB2526	PN3669	immediately	Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs—support of professional licensure boards
006A	Jul 2	HB2527	PN4197	immediately	Department of Labor and Industry—administrative expenses and operation of Office of Small Business Advocate
007A	Jul 4	HB2579	PN4326	immediately	General Appropriation Act of 2004—enactment
008A	Jul 4	HB2521	PN4192	immediately	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission—operation

* denotes an effective date 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).

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 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.

Requests for annual subscriptions for advance copies of statutes should be sent to the State Bookstore, State Records Center Building, 1825 Stanley Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17103, accompanied by a check or money order in the sum of \$20, payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

ROBERT W. ZECH, Jr.,
Director
Legislative Reference Bureau

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 04-1267. Filed for public inspection July 16, 2004, 9:00 a.m.]

COMMISSION ON SENTENCING

Meeting Notice

The Commission on Sentencing announces the following public meetings, to be held at The Nittany Lion Inn, 200 West Park Avenue, State College, PA 16801:

Tuesday, August 10, 2004	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Strategic Planning Session
Wednesday, August 11, 2004	9 a.m.	Regular Quarterly Commission Meeting

MARK H. BERGSTROM,
Executive Director

[Pa.B. Doc. No. 04-1268. Filed for public inspection July 16, 2004, 9:00 a.m.]
