

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 074 through 095					
074	Jul 15	HB1117	PN4319	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—railroad protection, railroad vandalism, interference with transportation facilities and railroad civil immunity
075	Jul 15	HB1130	PN4139	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—learners' permits, drivers of emergency vehicles, Child Passenger Restraint Fund, oral hazard warnings and civil immunity for lenders of child passenger restraint systems
076	Jul 15	HB1912	PN4143	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—person with disability plate and placard, physical examinations, reports on mental or physical disabilities or disorders and determination of incompetency
077	Jul 15	HB1996	PN4282	60 days	Procurement (62 Pa.C.S.)—cooperative purchasing, legislative reports and guaranteed energy savings and contracts
078	Jul 15	HB2230	PN3040	immediately	Emergency Medical Services Act—support of emergency medical services
079	Jul 15	HB2351	PN3279	60 days	Borough Code—retirement benefits of employees transferred to wastewater authorities
080	Jul 15	HB2433	PN4246	immediately	Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act—award of grants, expenses incurred by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and allocation of appropriated funds
081	Jul 15	HB2467	PN3519	60 days	Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act—contents of actuarial valuation report
<i>(Editor's Note: Listings for Acts 82—94 supercede the listing published at 34 Pa.B. 4103 and 4104 (August 7, 2004).)</i>					
082	Jul 15	SB0157	PN1766	immediately*	Public School Code of 1949—firefighter and emergency service training as creditable high school courses, education empowerment districts and credit card marketing on college or university campus
083	Jul 15	SB0508	PN1727	60 days	Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law—redemption of property and challenging foreclosure sales
084	Jul 15	SB0679	PN1549	60 days	Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act—possession or transporting of liquefied ammonia gas, possession of certain precursors and chemicals used in manufacture of controlled substances and clandestine drug laboratories
085	Jul 15	SB0769	PN1654	90 days	Elderly Immunization Act—enactment
086	Jul 15	SB0971	PN1340	60 days	Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act—definition of “crimes related to public office or public employment”
087	Jul 15	SB0979	PN1779	immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—child victims and witnesses

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088	Jul 15	SB1039	PN1791	immediately	Public Officers (65 Pa.C.S.)—definition of "agency"
089	Jul 15	SB1092	PN1557	60 days	Fred Jaindl Memorial Highway—designation
090	Jul 15	SB1095	PN1565	60 days	Chuck Mattei Interchange—designation
091	Jul 15	SB1100	PN1573	60 days	General County Assessment Law—valuation of property
092	Jul 15	SB1139	PN1784	immediately	Pennsylvania Construction Code Act—application of act, adoption of regulations, administration and enforcement, changes in Uniform Construction Code and exemptions
093	Jul 15	SB1184	PN1734	60 days	Project 70 lands—release and imposition of restrictions on land in Scranton, Lackawanna County
094	Jul 16	HB2654	PN4249	immediately*	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—parking authorities and taxicabs and limousines in cities of the first class
095	Jul 20	HB0147	PN4323	immediately	Tax Reform Code of 1971—film production tax credit
2004 APPROPRIATION ACTS ENACTED—ACT 037A through 039A					
037A	Jul 15	HB2534	PN4301	immediately	Drexel University—instruction and student aid
038A	Jul 15	HB2554	PN4313	immediately	Franklin Institute Science Museum—maintenance expenses
039A	Jul 15	HB2590	PN4317	immediately	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine—instruction in Doctor of Osteopathy program
2004 VETOES OF BILLS—VETO 004					
004	Jul 21	HB2758	PN4224		General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—fire company reduction and closure provisions for cities of the first class

* 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).

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