

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.

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2004 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 182 through 239					
182	Nov 30	HB2528	PN3671	immediately	Capital Budget Act of 2004-2005—enactment
183	Nov 30	HB0030	PN4778	immediately *	Public Utilities Code (66 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
184	Nov 30	HB0798	PN0930	60 days	Municipal pension or retirement system in cities of the first class—denying certain benefits to surviving spouses of police officers or certain employees upon subsequent remarriage of surviving spouse
185	Nov 30	HB0835	PN4783	immediately *	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.) and Law and Justice (44 Pa.C.S.)—genetic identification evidence, DNA data and testing and required DNA samples and expungement and providing for good faith
186	Nov 30	HB0850	PN4799	60 days	Second Class County Code—omnibus amendments
187	Nov 30	HB1113	PN4796	immediately	Public School Code of 1949—remittance of taxes as compensation for municipal services provided by a city of the second class, establishment of policies by school districts regarding student possession and self-administration of asthma medications
188	Nov 30	HB1262	PN4078	180 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.) and Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
189	Nov 30	HB1329	PN4773	60 days	Real and Personal Property (68 Pa.C.S.)—planned communities
190	Nov 30	HB1330	PN4774	60 days	Real and Personal Property (68 Pa.C.S.)—real estate cooperatives
191	Nov 30	HB1331	PN4775	60 days	Real and Personal Property (68 Pa.C.S.)—condominiums
192	Nov 30	HB1535	PN4776	60 days	Local Tax Enabling Act—personnel for collection of taxes, earned income taxes and collection of taxes by suit, costs of collection of delinquent per capita, occupation, occupational privilege and earned income taxes and legal representation
193	Nov 30	HB1954	PN4797	immediately	First Class City Home Rule Act—general grant of power and authority and specific powers
194	Nov 30	HB2036	PN4779	immediately *	Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries (20 Pa.C.S.)—mental health care declarations and powers of attorney and prudent investor rule
195	Nov 30	HB2055	PN3423	immediately	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—further defining “soldier.”
196	Nov 30	HB2090	PN4075	60 days	Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law—rescission of contracts
197	Nov 30	HB2262	PN4781	immediately	Child Internet Protection Act—enactment
198	Nov 30	HB2270	PN3121	immediately	Family Support for families of Persons with Disabilities Act—enactment

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199	Nov 30	HB2384	PN4644	60 days	Underground Utility Line Protection Law—duties of facility owners, One Call System and contractors and fines and penalties
200	Nov 30	HB2865	PN4716	immediately	Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act—authorization for alternate amortization schedules to accommodate extraordinary events
201	Nov 30	SB0677	PN1996	14 days	Public Utility Code (66 Pa.C.S.)—consumer protection and information, protection of responsible customer of public utilities, abrogating regulations and preempting local regulation
202	Nov 30	SB0705	PN2001	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—deceptive or fraudulent business practices
203	Nov 30	SB0798	PN1923	immediately	Capitol Centennial Commission Act—enactment
204	Nov 30	SB0856	PN1951	immediately	Fireworks Law—regulating sale and use of fireworks
205	Nov 30	SB0871	PN1940	180 days	Detectives and Private Police (22 Pa.C.S.)—humane society police officers, powers and duties of Department of Agriculture and establishment of Humane Society Police Officer Advisory Board
206	Nov 30	SB0892	PN1785	60 days	Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code—contents of subdivision and land development ordinance and release from improvement bond
207	Nov 30	SB0904	PN1905	60 days	Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes—omnibus amendments to miscellaneous consolidated titles
208	Nov 30	SB0912	PN1987	60 days	Agriculture (3 Pa.C.S.)—crop insurance premium payments and report by Department of Agriculture
209	Nov 30	SB0927	PN1323	immediately	County Code—governing board of third class county convention center authority
210	Nov 30	SB0931	PN1950	immediately	Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act—extending Postsecondary Educational Gratuity Program and National Guard eligibility
211	Nov 30	SB0938	PN1984	immediately *	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
212	Nov 30	SB0981	PN1332	60 days	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—establishment of Educational Assistance Program Fund
213	Nov 30	SB1030	PN1973	90 days	Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act—enactment
214	Nov 30	SB1032	PN1920	60 days	Names (54 Pa.C.S.)—judicial procedure for name changes and name change by order of court
215	Nov 30	SB1041	PN1972	60 days	Pennsylvania Senior Environment Corps Act—enactment
216	Nov 30	SB1096	PN1970	immediately *	Insurance Company Law of 1921—omnibus amendments
217	Nov 30	SB1099	PN1979	immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—courts of common pleas, summary offenses, informal adjustment, consent decrees, compulsory arbitration, disposition of delinquent children and sentences for offenses against infants

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218	Nov 30	SB1102	PN1991	immediately	Commerce and Trade (12 Pa.C.S.) and Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations (64 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
219	Nov 30	SB1167	PN1955	immediately	State Lottery Law—generic drugs and amount of rebate for certain prescription drugs
220	Nov 30	SB1192	PN1974	immediately	Fiscal Code—investment of Commonwealth moneys
221	Nov 30	SB1233	PN1848	immediately	Liquor Code—general powers of Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, sales by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores and unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages
222	Dec 1	HB0197	PN4802	immediately	Local Tax Enabling Act—omnibus amendments
223	Dec 1	HB0248	PN0277	60 days	Borough Code—tax levy
224	Dec 1	HB0250	PN0279	60 days	Second Class Township Code—township and special tax levies
225	Dec 1	HB0447	PN4798	60 days	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—certain immunity for persons who donate vehicles and equipment to volunteer fire companies and sentences for certain drug offenses committed with firearms
226	Dec 1	HB1321	PN4811	immediately	First Class Cities Economic Development District Act—enactment
227	Dec 1	HB2029	PN4639	60 days	Cities of first class—enforcement of ordinances, rules and regulations prohibiting dumping or disposal of waste, trash or debris
228	Dec 1	HB2066	PN4752	immediately *	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
229	Dec 1	HB2666	PN4808	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—period of registration, commercial driver records, exemption from other fees and prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program
230	Dec 1	HB2749	PN4795	immediately	Pennsylvania Construction Code Act—referenced standards and abrogating regulations
231	Dec 1	HB2775	PN4809	immediately	Chesapeake Bay Watershed Education Program Act—enactment
232	Dec 1	SB0441	PN2004	60 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—persons qualified to solemnize marriages
233	Dec 1	SB0959	PN2000	immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—Constables' Education and Training Account, information required upon commitment and subsequent disposition
234	Dec 8	HB0623	PN4800	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—deceptive or fraudulent business practices
235	Dec 8	HB0657	PN4772	60 days	Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974—land devoted to agricultural use, agricultural reserve and/or forest reserve, responsibilities of county assessor and roll-back taxes and special circumstances
236	Dec 8	HB0709	PN2707	immediately	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—cruelty to animals
237	Dec 8	HB0873	PN4807	immediately *	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments

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238	Dec 8	HB0994	PN4760	60 days	Transit Revitalization Investment District Act—enactment
239	Dec 8	HB2105	PN4801	immediately *	Liquor Code—omnibus amendments
2004 VETOES OF BILLS—VETO 005 through 011					
005	Nov 30	HB0176	PN4784		Tax Reform Code of 1971—omnibus amendments
006	Nov 30	SB0304	PN1983		Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries (20 Pa.C.S.)—payments to family and funeral directors, allowable family exemption and classification and order or payment of claims against estate of decedent
007	Nov 30	SB0356	PN1980		Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—criminal history record information
008	Nov 30	SB0492	PN1653		Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—offenses of neglect of care-dependent person and living wills and health care powers of attorney, implementation of out-of-hospital nonresuscitation and conforming amendments
009	Nov 30	SB1209	PN1997		Amusements (4 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
010	Nov 30	HB2442	PN4806		Regulatory Review Act—composition and proposed regulations and procedure for review
011	Dec 8	HB2664	PN4810		Transportation (74 Pa.C.S.)—distribution of funding, temporary public transportation assistance funding and flying while impaired

* denotes an effective date with exceptions

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