

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 003 through 007					
003	Feb 5	HB1733	PN3230	Feb. 5, 2004*	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.) and Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations (64 Pa.C.S.)—reenacting the codification of provisions of Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, etc.
004	Feb 5	HB0696	PN3141	immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in City and County of Philadelphia
005	Feb 5	HB0900	PN3186	immediately	Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad Assistance Act—authorizing incurrence of additional debt for loans for assistance to volunteer fire companies, ambulance services and rescue squads
006	Feb 5	SB0748	PN1371	immediately	Library Code—fiscal year 2003-2004 waiver of standards and temporary emergency aid to local libraries
007	Feb 9	HB0500	PN3187	immediately	Elm Street Program Act—enactment

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.

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