

# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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<b>2005 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 010 through 037</b>					
010	Jul 5	HB0129	PN2435	90 days	Transportation Code (74 Pa.C.S.)—flying while impaired and imposing penalties
011	Jul 5	HB0136	PN2243	60 days	Second Class Township Code—appropriations to watershed associations
012	Jul 5	HB0157	PN2428	Immediately*	County Code—omnibus amendments and repealing Hotel Room Rental Tax Act
013	Jul 5	HB0266	PN2244	60 days	Borough Code—specific powers of borough
014	Jul 5	HB0267	PN2245	60 days	First Class Township Code—specific powers
015	Jul 5	HB0271	PN1616	Immediately	Project 70 lands—North Newton Township, Cumberland County, and West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County
016	Jul 5	HB0279	PN2430	60 days	Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law—administrative expenses
017	Jul 5	HB0398	PN0386	Immediately	Legislative Data Processing Committee—further providing for establishment
018	Jul 5	HB0399	PN0610	60 days	Names (54 Pa.C.S.)—divorcing and divorced person and surviving spouse to resume prior name
019	Jul 5	HB0887	PN2362	Immediately	Game Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—resident license and fee exemptions and license costs and fees
020	Jul 5	HB1076	PN2363	Immediately	Game Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—resident license and fee exemptions and license costs and fees
021	Jul 5	HB1077	PN2364	Immediately	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.)—license fee for deployed Pennsylvania National Guard members and for reserve component of armed forces members
022	Jul 5	HB1589	PN2493	Immediately	Medicare Hospital Service Payment Designation Act—designation of hospitals
023	Jul 5	HB1745	PN2492	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Hartley Township, Union County and Borough of Danville, Montour County
024	Jul 5	SB0126	PN0109	60 days	Representative Leroy M. Zimmerman Memorial Bridge—designation
025	Jul 5	SB0141	PN0128	60 days	L. Charles Scipione Bridge—designation
026	Jul 5	SB0158	PN0704	60 days	State highway system—adding portion of Bayfront Parkway, City of Erie, Erie County, to Commonwealth and transferring certain State road to City of Erie
027	Jul 5	SB0248	PN0705	60 days	Extending date for validation of certain conveyances and other instruments
028	Jul 5	SB0457	PN0900	60 days	Third Class City Code—beneficiaries of fund not to be employed by city and beneficiaries serving in elective office

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029	Jul 5	SB0511	PN1053	Immediately	Job Enhancement Act—Family Savings Account Program definitions and administration, technology work experience definitions, approved courses, emerging technology companies, responsibility of approved educational institutions and eligible interns
030	Jul 5	SB0584	PN1029	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—defining offense of disarming law enforcement officer
031	Jul 5	SB0600	PN1052	Immediately	Project 70 lands—release of restrictions on land owned by Indiana County, imposition of restrictions on land being conveyed to county by Department of Transportation
032	Jul 5	SB0677	PN0815	60 days	Senator Clarence D. Bell Memorial Highway—designation
033	Jul 5	SB0688	PN0969	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in City of Erie, County of Erie, to Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority
034	Jul 5	SB0697	PN1060	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth lands in Morgan and Franklin Townships, Greene County, and Danville, Montour County, and leasing land within bed of Delaware River
035	Jul 5	SB0721	PN0865	60 days	Transportation Code (74 Pa.C.S.)—designating State Route 6 in Wyoming County and State Route 92 in Susquehanna County as scenic byways
036	Jul 5	SB0722	PN1051	Immediately	Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act—omnibus amendments
037	Jul 5	SB0724	PN0868	Immediately*	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—implementing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999

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038	Jul 6	HB1646	PN2433	Immediately*	Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
039	Jul 6	SB462	PN1056	Immediately*	Liquor Code—omnibus amendments
040	Jul 7	HB0176	PN2565	Immediately*	Tax Reform Code of 1971—omnibus amendments
041	Jul 7	HB0182	PN2563	Immediately	Fiscal Code—omnibus amendments
042	Jul 7	HB1168	PN2560	Immediately	Public Welfare Code—omnibus amendments
043	Jul 7	SB0086	PN1054	Immediately	Domestic Relations (23 Pa.C.S.)—consolidating the support law, providing for property of persons liable for support expenses and providing for disposition of complaints
<b>2005 APPROPRIATION ACTS ENACTED—ACT 001A through 008A</b>					
001A	Jul 7	HB0815	PN2568	Immediately	General Appropriation Act of 2005—enactment
002A	Jul 7	SB0608	PN0640	Immediately	State Employees' Retirement Board—administrative expenses, etc.
003A	Jul 7	SB0609	PN0641	Immediately	Public School Employees' Retirement Board—administrative expenses, etc.
004A	Jul 7	SB0610	PN0642	Immediately	Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs—operation of professional licensure boards
005A	Jul 7	SB0611	PN0643	Immediately	Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community and Economic Development—workers' compensation, occupational diseases and Office of Small Business Advocate
006A	Jul 7	SB0612	PN0644	Immediately	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission—operation
007A	Jul 7	SB0613	PN0645	Immediately	Office of Consumer Advocate—operation
008A	Jul 7	SB0614	PN0646	Immediately	Office of Small Business Advocate—operation

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