

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions During the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2005 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>
2005 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 044 through 058					
044	Jul 7	HB1521	PN2570	Immediately	Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (42 Pa.C.S.), Legislature (46 Pa.C.S.) and State Government (71 Pa.C.S.)—compensation
045	Jul 13	HB0003	PN2571	Immediately	Environmental Resources (27 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
046	Jul 13	HB0628	PN2564	Immediately*	Public School Code—omnibus amendments
047	Jul 14	HB0086	PN1945	Immediately	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources—agree to hold and save United States Army Corps of Engineers free from certain damages arising from certain construction projects
048	Jul 14	HB0107	PN2567	60 days	Health Savings Account Act—enactment
049	Jul 14	HB0139	PN1313	60 days	Municipalities Generally (53 Pa.C.S.)—codifying the Optional County Affordable Housing Funds Act
050	Jul 14	HB0489	PN2522	Immediately*	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
051	Jul 14	HB0612	PN2100	60 days	Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act—definitions
052	Jul 14	HB0823	PN2569	Immediately	Capital Budget Authorization and Highway Project Itemization Act of 2005-2006—enactment
053	Jul 14	HB1304	PN2562	Immediately	Library Code—fiscal year waiver of standards and State-aid for 2005-2006
054	Jul 14	HB1650	PN2489	Immediately	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.)—resident, nonresident and tourist fishing licenses
055	Jul 14	SB0147	PN0132	60 days	Public School Code of 1949—technical assistance and information provided by department
056	Jul 14	SB0406	PN1059	60 days	James E. Russo Highway, Senator Albert V. "Bud" Belan Bridge, Major Richard D. Winters Bridge, Amvets POW-MIA Memorial Bridge, Russell P. Letterman Wild Area and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway—designations
057	Jul 14	SB0565	PN1038	Immediately	County Code—qualifications, eligibility and compensation for district attorneys
058	Jul 14	SB0706	PN1013	60 days	General Richard Butler Bridge—designation
2005 APPROPRIATION ACTS ENACTED—ACT 009A through 038A					
009A	Jul 14	HB0824	PN2523	Immediately	Pennsylvania State University—education and general expenses, agricultural research and extension services, Pennsylvania College of Technology and debt service related to Williamsport Area Community College

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010A	Jul 14	HB0825	PN2524	Immediately	University of Pittsburgh—student life initiatives, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, recruitment and retention of disadvantaged students, and rural education outreach
011A	Jul 14	HB0826	PN2525	Immediately	Temple University—recruitment and retention of disadvantaged students
012A	Jul 14	HB0827	PN2416	Immediately	Lincoln University—education and general expenses
013A	Jul 14	HB0828	PN2526	Immediately	Drexel University—instruction and student aid
014A	Jul 14	HB0829	PN2527	Immediately	University of Pennsylvania—dental clinics, doctor of medicine program, veterinary activities, and cardiovascular studies
015A	Jul 14	HB0830	PN2528	Immediately	Philadelphia Health and Education Corporation—Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and Health Professions, continuation of pediatric services
016A	Jul 14	HB0831	PN2529	Immediately	Thomas Jefferson University—instruction in doctor of medicine program, maintenance, College of Allied Health Sciences, student aid and Children's Heart Hospital
017A	Jul 14	HB0832	PN2530	Immediately	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine—instruction in doctor of osteopathy program
018A	Jul 14	HB0833	PN2531	Immediately	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine—instruction in doctor of osteopathy program
019A	Jul 14	HB0834	PN2532	Immediately	Pennsylvania College of Optometry—instruction
020A	Jul 14	HB0835	PN2533	Immediately	University of the Arts, Philadelphia—instruction and student aid
021A	Jul 14	HB0836	PN2534	Immediately	Berean Training and Industrial School—operation and maintenance expenses, payment of debt service
022A	Jul 14	HB0837	PN2535	Immediately	Johnson Technical Institute of Scranton—operation and maintenance expenses
023A	Jul 14	HB0838	PN2536	Immediately	Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades—operation and maintenance expenses
024A	Jul 14	HB0839	PN2537	Immediately	Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research—operation and maintenance of cancer research program
025A	Jul 14	HB0840	PN2538	Immediately	Wistar Institute—operation and maintenance expenses and AIDS research
026A	Jul 14	HB0841	PN2407	Immediately	Central Penn Oncology Group—operation
027A	Jul 14	HB0842	PN2539	Immediately	Lancaster Cleft Palate—outpatient-inpatient treatment
028A	Jul 14	HB0843	PN2540	Immediately	Burn Foundation, Philadelphia—outpatient and inpatient treatment
029A	Jul 14	HB0844	PN2541	Immediately	Children's Institute—treatment and rehabilitation of certain persons with disabling diseases
030A	Jul 14	HB0845	PN2542	Immediately	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia—comprehensive patient care and general maintenance and operation
031A	Jul 14	HB0846	PN0879	Immediately	Beacon Lodge Camp—services to the blind

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032A	Jul 14	HB0847	PN2543	Immediately	Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh—operations and maintenance expenses, and purchase of apparatus, supplies and equipment
033A	Jul 14	HB0848	PN2544	Immediately	Franklin Institute Science Museum—maintenance expenses
034A	Jul 14	HB0849	PN2545	Immediately	Academy of Natural Sciences—maintenance expenses
035A	Jul 14	HB0850	PN2546	Immediately	African-American Museum—operating expenses
036A	Jul 14	HB0851	PN2547	Immediately	Everhart Museum—operating expenses
037A	Jul 14	HB0852	PN2548	Immediately	Mercer Museum—operating expenses
038A	Jul 14	HB0853	PN2549	Immediately	Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts—operating expenses

* 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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