

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2006 Regular Session.

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2006 GENERAL ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 066 through 113					
066	Jul 5	HB1992	PN4516	Immediately	Fiscal Code—omnibus amendments
067	Jul 6	SB0300	PN1986	Immediately*	Tax Reform Code of 1971—omnibus amendments
068	Jul 7	HB0030	PN0033	Immediately	Workers' Compensation Act—compensation to widows, widowers and children
069	Jul 7	HB0247	PN4415	Immediately*	Health Care Facilities Act—licensure of home care agencies and home care registries, consumer protections, inspections and plans of correction and applicability of act
070	Jul 7	HB0248	PN4277	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—legislative review of State highway transfers and allocation of proceeds from taxes for highway maintenance and construction
071	Jul 7	HB0456	PN1074	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—terrorism offenses, controlled substances forfeitures, terrorism forfeitures, procedure with respect to seized property subject to liens and rights of lienholders and penalties
072	Jul 7	HB0496	PN4210	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—destruction of survey monument and actions relating to land surveying
073	Jul 7	HB0509	PN4505	60 days	Public School Code of 1949—campus police powers and duties
074	Jul 7	HB0801	PN4514	Immediately*	Administrative Code of 1929—fees charged by Insurance Department and establishment of Cervical Cancer Task Force
075	Jul 7	HB1320	PN4308	60 days	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.)—restriction of transport, sale, importation or release of non-native injurious fish
076	Jul 7	HB1326	PN4044	Immediately	At-Risk Elderly Wireless Emergency Telephone Program Act—enactment
077	Jul 7	HB1528	PN4309	90 days	Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.) and Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—licenses and fees relating to taxidermists
078	Jul 7	HB1632	PN4284	60 days	Unfair Insurance Practices Act—further defining “abuse,” “unfair methods of competition” and “unfair or deceptive acts or practices”
079	Jul 7	HB1641	PN4392	120 days	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.) and Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—boat and marine forfeiture, powers and duties of Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Department of Transportation and boat, marine equipment and watercraft trailer forfeiture
080	Jul 7	HB1725	PN3757	60 days	Local Tax Collection Law—omnibus amendments

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081	Jul 7	HB1746	PN4389	7 days	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—fees and charges, time limitations for other offenses, inspection of court files and records, law enforcement records and expiration of provisions on access to justice
082	Jul 7	HB2295	PN3734	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—special registration plate for recipients of Korean Defense Service Medal
083	Jul 7	HB2317	PN4338	Immediately	Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2005-2006—enactment
084	Jul 7	HB2376	PN4310	Immediately*	Liquor Code—omnibus amendments
085	Jul 7	HB2383	PN4459	Immediately	Liquor Code—Bureau of Alcohol Education reports to General Assembly and special occasion permits
086	Jul 7	HB2425	PN3822	60 days	Requirements for valid recording of documents
087	Jul 7	HB2437	PN3506	60 days	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—amounts of part-time student assistance grants
088	Jul 7	HB2441	PN3510	60 days	Procurement (62 Pa.C.S.)—electronic bidding by local government units
089	Jul 7	HB2627	PN4053	Immediately	Retroactivity of death benefit eligibility for firefighters, ambulance service or rescue squad members, law enforcement officers or National Guard members killed in line of duty
090	Jul 7	HB2633	PN4282	60 days	Cpl. Victor Kozares, D.S.C., Bridge—designation
091	Jul 7	HB2740	PN4349	60 days	Sergeant Carl F. Curran II Memorial Bridge—designation
092	Jul 7	HB2802	PN4393	Immediately	Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act—State registration requirements
093	Jul 7	SB0082	PN1983	30 days	American, Commonwealth and Military Flag Act—enactment
094	Jul 7	SB0151	PN0137	60 days	Public School Code of 1949—State Report Card
095	Jul 7	SB0243	PN1836	Jan. 1, 2007	Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law—payment of salary, medical and hospital expenses to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs under certain circumstances
096	Jul 7	SB0332	PN1777	60 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—foreign decree of adoption
097	Jul 7	SB0651	PN1987	Immediately	Library Code—omnibus amendments
098	Jul 7	SB0660	PN1969	Immediately*	Probate, Estates and Fiduciary Code (20 Pa.C.S.)—Uniform Trust Act, and rule against perpetuities
099	Jul 7	SB0707	PN1971	60 days	Cosmetology Law—omnibus amendments
100	Jul 7	SB0775	PN1795	60 days	Interstate Compact for the Supervision of Adult Offenders Act—application fee and collection and use of application fee
101	Jul 7	SB0809	PN1958	60 days	Second Class Township Code—organization meeting and appointment of secretary and treasurer, duties of township supervisors, county association, and State Association of Township Supervisors
102	Jul 7	SB0868	PN1970	Immediately	Forest Reserves Municipal Financial Relief Law—distribution of annual charge

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103	Jul 7	SB0874	PN1914	Immediately	Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Supplemental Act for 2005-2006—enactment
104	Jul 7	SB1007	PN1650	60 days	Insurance Company Law of 1921—fire insurance contracts and standard policy provisions to exclude damage caused by terrorism
105	Jul 7	SB1043	PN1944	60 days	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—association group life insurance for Pennsylvania National Guard and tuition costs and fees for children and spouses of deceased soldiers
106	Jul 7	SB1114	PN1782	60 days	Second Class Township Code—county associations and appropriations by townships to counties for land acquisitions
107	Jul 7	SB1169	PN1756	60 days	Pennsylvania State Police Cpl. Joseph R. Pokorny, Jr., Memorial Highway—designation
108	Jul 7	SB1179	PN1982	60 days	Pennsylvania Construction Code Act—training of inspectors and exemptions
109	Jul 7	SB1205	PN1869	60 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—insurance proceeds intercept and State disbursement unit
110	Jul 7	SB1224	PN1955	60 days	Conservation District Law—Commonwealth appropriations
111	Jul 7	SB1188	PN1985	Immediately*	State Lottery Law—omnibus amendments
112	Jul 9	SB1090	PN1973	Immediately	Minimum Wage Act of 1968—federal changes in wage rates and preemption
113	Jul 10	HB0804	PN4503	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
2006 APPROPRIATION ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 010A through 039A					
010A	Jul 7	HB2504	PN4465	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
011A	Jul 7	HB2505	PN4466	Immediately	University of Pittsburgh—education and general expenses, student life initiatives, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, recruitment and retention of disadvantaged students, and rural education outreach
012A	Jul 7	HB2506	PN4467	Immediately	Temple University—education and general expenses and recruitment and retention of disadvantaged students
013A	Jul 7	HB2507	PN4468	Immediately	Lincoln University—education and general expenses
014A	Jul 7	HB2508	PN4469	Immediately	Drexel University—instruction and student aid
015A	Jul 7	HB2509	PN4470	Immediately	University of Pennsylvania—dental clinics, doctor of medicine program, veterinary activities, center for infectious disease and cardiovascular studies

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016A	Jul 7	HB2510	PN4471	Immediately	Philadelphia Health and Education Corporation—Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and Health professions, continuation of pediatric services and handicapped student aid and children's clinic
017A	Jul 7	HB2511	PN4472	Immediately	Thomas Jefferson University—instruction in doctor of medicine program, maintenance, College of Allied Health Sciences, student aid, Children's Heart Hospital and Tay-Sachs Disease
018A	Jul 7	HB2512	PN4473	Immediately	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine—instruction in doctor of osteopathy program
019A	Jul 7	HB2513	PN4474	Immediately	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine—instruction in doctor of osteopathy program
020A	Jul 7	HB2514	PN4475	Immediately	Pennsylvania College of Optometry—instruction
021A	Jul 7	HB2515	PN4476	Immediately	University of the Arts, Philadelphia—instruction and student aid
022A	Jul 7	HB2516	PN4477	Immediately	Berean Training and Industrial School—operation and maintenance expenses
023A	Jul 7	HB2517	PN4478	Immediately	Johnson Technical Institute of Scranton—operation and maintenance expenses
024A	Jul 7	HB2518	PN4479	Immediately	Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades—operation and maintenance expenses
025A	Jul 7	HB2519	PN3699	Immediately	Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research—operation and maintenance of cancer research program
026A	Jul 7	HB2520	PN3700	Immediately	Wistar Institute—operation and maintenance expenses and AIDS research
027A	Jul 7	HB2521	PN3701	Immediately	Central Penn Oncology Group—operation
028A	Jul 7	HB2522	PN4480	Immediately	Lancaster Cleft Palate—outpatient-inpatient treatment
029A	Jul 7	HB2523	PN3703	Immediately	Burn Foundation, Philadelphia—outpatient and inpatient treatment
030A	Jul 7	HB2524	PN3704	Immediately	Children's Institute—treatment and rehabilitation of certain persons with disabling diseases
031A	Jul 7	HB2525	PN3705	Immediately	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia—comprehensive patient care and general maintenance and operation
032A	Jul 7	HB2526	PN3706	Immediately	Beacon Lodge Camp—services to the blind
033A	Jul 7	HB2527	PN4481	Immediately	Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh—operations and maintenance expenses and purchase of apparatus, supplies and equipment
034A	Jul 7	HB2528	PN4482	Immediately	Franklin Institute Science Museum—maintenance expenses
035A	Jul 7	HB2529	PN4483	Immediately	Academy of Natural Sciences—maintenance expenses
036A	Jul 7	HB2530	PN4484	Immediately	African-American Museum—operating expenses
037A	Jul 7	HB2531	PN4485	Immediately	Everhart Museum—operating expenses

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038A	Jul 7	HB2532	PN4486	Immediately	Mercer Museum—operating expenses
039A	Jul 7	HB2533	PN4487	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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COMMISSION ON SENTENCING

Meetings Scheduled

The Commission on Sentencing announces the following public meetings to be held at The Four Seasons Hotel, One Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA 19013:

Tuesday, August 8, 2006	Dinner/Work Session	7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 9, 2006	Quarterly Commission Mtg.	9 a.m.

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