

# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Cost-of-Living Factor Under the Public Official Compensation Law

Under section 4(d) of the Public Official Compensation Law (Act 72 of 2005), for the 12-month period beginning December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2007, the salary of the members of the General Assembly shall be increased by a cost-of-living factor which is determined by increasing the amount of the salary by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period of November 1, 2005, through October 31, 2006.

The percentage increase and the new salary amount have been determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives as follows:

The cumulative percentage change in the CPI-U for November 1, 2005, through October 31, 2006, equals 1.9759%. The new salary amount equals \$73,613.62.

Under section 4(d.1) of the Public Official Compensation Law (Act 72 of 2005), for the 12-month period beginning December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2007, the additional compensation of the officers and leaders of the General Assembly shall be increased by a cost-of-living factor which is determined by increasing the amount of the salary by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period from November 1, 2005, through October 31, 2006.

The percentage increase and the new compensation amounts have been determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives as follows:

<i>Leadership Position</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>New Compensation</i>
Speaker/President pro tempore	1.9759%	\$41,301.94
Majority Floor Leader	1.9759%	\$33,043.12
Minority Floor Leader	1.9759%	\$33,043.12
Majority Whip	1.9759%	\$25,077.18
Minority Whip	1.9759%	\$25,077.18
Majority Caucus Chairman	1.9759%	\$15,635.85
Minority Caucus Chairman	1.9759%	\$15,635.85
Appropriations Chairman	1.9759%	\$25,077.18
Minority Appropriations Chairman	1.9759%	\$25,077.18
Majority Caucus Secretary	1.9759%	\$10,326.27
Minority Caucus Secretary	1.9759%	\$10,326.27
Majority Caucus Policy Chairman	1.9759%	\$10,326.27
Minority Caucus Policy Chairman	1.9759%	\$10,326.27
Majority Caucus Administrator	1.9759%	\$10,326.27
Minority Caucus Administrator	1.9759%	\$10,326.27

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*House of Representatives*

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## 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.

<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>
<b>2006 GENERAL ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 133 through 150</b>					
133	Oct 31	HB2001	PN4759	60 days	Price Gouging Act—enactment
134	Nov 1	HB0700	PN4887	Immediately*	Public Officers (65 Pa.C.S.)—lobbying disclosure
135	Nov 1	SB0862	PN2218	Immediately	Amusements (4 Pa.C.S.) and Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
136	Nov 2	HB2699	PN4886	Immediately*	Insurance Company Law of 1921—omnibus amendments
137	Nov 9	HB0469	PN4847	Immediately	Pennsylvania Election Code—date of application for absentee ballot, voting by absentee electors, canvassing of official absentee ballots and limiting contributions by partnerships, limited partnerships and limited liability companies

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138	Nov 9	HB0552	PN4879	Immediately*	Fiscal Code—authority to invest or reinvest certain moneys, unclaimed property, property held by courts and public officers and agencies and notice and publication of lists
139	Nov 9	HB1112	PN4821	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—corrupt organizations, trafficking in persons, authorizing interception of wire, electronic or oral communications, sentencing for trafficking of persons and criminal forfeiture
140	Nov 9	HB1902	PN4662	60 days	Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act—sunset for recycling fee and for performance grants for municipal recycling programs
141	Nov 9	HB2090	PN2880	60 days	Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—powers of director of Pennsylvania Game Commission
142	Nov 9	HB2185	PN4817	Immediately	County Code—excluded provisions, required financial reporting and assessments of signs and sign structures
143	Nov 9	HB2447	PN3982	Immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties and sexual offenders registration information on the Internet
144	Nov 9	HB2639	PN4878	120 days	Clinical Laboratory Act—glomerular filtration rate testing
145	Nov 9	HB2667	PN4848	60 days	Housing Authorities Law—powers of authority and mixed-use projects
146	Nov 9	HB2670	PN4849	180 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—grounds for involuntary termination of parental rights, mandatory reporting of substance abuse births, release of information in confidential reports in child protective services, citizen review panels and reports
147	Nov 9	HB2738	PN4760	Immediately*	Workers' Compensation Act—schedule of compensation, enforcement of standards, processing of claims, Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, assignment of claims to referees, counsel fees and Uninsured Employers Guaranty Fund
148	Nov 9	SB0592	PN2044	Immediately	Education (24 Pa.C.S.)—administrative duties of Public School Employees Retirement Board
149	Nov 9	SB1262	PN1877	60 days	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.)—chemical testing to determine amounts of alcohol or controlled substances, operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance and aggravated assault by watercraft while operating under influence
150	Nov 9	SB1266	PN2085	60 days	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—leaves of absence

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<b>2006 VETOES OF REGULAR SESSION OF BILLS—VETO 009 through 012</b>					
009	Nov 3	HB0236	PN1949	60 days	Regulatory Review Act—proposed regulations, legislative intent and procedure for review
010	Nov 9	HB2202	PN4285	60 days	Public Welfare Code—home infusion therapy availability to all eligible recipients
011	Nov 9	HB2282	PN4869	Immediately*	Tax Reform Code of 1971—imposition of hotel occupancy tax and classes of income in personal income tax
012	Nov 9	SB0157	PN2206	Immediately	Local Tax Enabling Act—local services taxes, emergency and municipal services taxes and occupational privilege taxes

\*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).

**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.

Requests for annual subscriptions for advance copies of statutes should be sent to the State Bookstore, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120, accompanied by a check or money order in the sum of \$20, payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

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**COMMISSION ON SENTENCING**

**Meetings Scheduled**

The Commission on Sentencing announces the following public meetings to be held at The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102:

Tuesday, December 5, 2006	Dinner and Policy Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 6, 2006	Quarterly Commission Meeting	9:00 a.m.

MARK H. BERGSTROM,  
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