THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2008 Regular Session.

Doc. No.	Date of Action	Bill Number	Printer's Number	Effective Date	Subject Matter
2008 GENERAL ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 006 through 011					
006	Mar 17	HB0363	PN0427	60 days	Veterans Bridge—designation
007	Mar 17	HB1131	PN3178	60 days	Second Class Township Code—establishment of fire and emergency medical services
008	Mar 17	HB1133	PN3179	60 days	Borough Code—specific powers relating to emergency services
009	Mar 17	HB1134	PN3180	60 days	First Class Township Code—specific powers relating to emergency services
010	Mar 17	HB1691	PN2225	Immediately	United States Army Corps of Engineers—held harmless from certain damages arising from certain construction projects
011	Mar 17	SB0917	PN1106	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Cambria Township, Cambria County

^{*} denotes an effective date with exceptions

Effective Dates of Statutes

The effective dates specified previously 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 (Department) 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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