

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 2008 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>
2008 GENERAL ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 081 through 086					
081	Sep 25	HB0004	PN4329	Immediately*	Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (42 Pa.C.S.) and Law and Justice (44 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
082	Sep 25	HB0005	PN4111	120 days	Prisoner Transfer Law—transfer of inmates
083	Sep 25	HB0006	PN4192	60 days	Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law—intent, business of board, powers and duties of board and chairman, supervision of parole and probation, power to parole, commission of crime during parole and victim of offense.
084	Sep 25	HB0007	PN4019	60 days	Removal of certain seriously ill convicts
085	Sep 25	SB0180	PN2304	Immediately	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—Burial details and termination of certain health insurance benefits
086	Sep 25	SB1103	PN1427	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia 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.

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 Harrisburg Hilton and Towers Hotel, One North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101:

Wednesday October 22, 2008	Dinner/Policy Committee Meeting	6:30—9 p.m.
Thursday October 23, 2008	Quarterly Commission Meeting	9 a.m.

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