

# 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>
<b>2008 GENERAL ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 097 through 128</b>					
097	Oct 9	HB0004	PN4414	60 days	Mercury-Free Thermostat Act—enactment
098	Oct 9	HB0301	PN4508	Immediately*	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
099	Oct 9	HB0420	PN0484	60 days	Main Street Act—Main Street Program
100	Oct 9	HB0647	PN4519	Immediately*	Crane Operator Licensure Act—enactment
101	Oct 9	HB0747	PN3227	60 days	Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—hunting licenses
102	Oct 9	HB0834	PN4510	Immediately*	Prohibition of Excessive Overtime in Health Care Act—enactment
103	Oct 9	HB0949	PN4428	60 days	Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act—real estate appraiser certification required, application and qualifications and certification renewal, licensure renewal and records
104	Oct 9	HB1027	PN4340	60 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—willful failure to pay support order
105	Oct 9	HB1044	PN3639	60 days	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—powers and duties of Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission and police training
106	Oct 9	HB1096	PN4527	Immediately	Pennsylvania Construction Code Act—establishing Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council, revised or successor codes and training of inspectors
107	Oct 9	HB1147	PN1396	60 days	Motor Vehicle Chop Shop and Illegally Obtained and Altered Property Act—definition of "chop shop"
108	Oct 9	HB1177	PN4345	120 days	Insurance (40 Pa.C.S.)—scope of service and rights of health service doctors
109	Oct 9	HB1511	PN4439	60 days	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—notice and hearing and other basic rights and adjudications of juveniles
110	Oct 9	HB1634	PN4003	60 days	Uniform Municipal Deed Registration Act—enactment
111	Oct 9	HB1664	PN4520	Immediately*	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—theft of leased property, wiretapping and electronic surveillance, disclosure of contents and expiration of chapter
112	Oct 9	HB1723	PN4513	60 days	Senator Roger A. Madigan Highway, Curt Zook Memorial Bridge, Officer Gregg Memorial Bypass and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge—designations
113	Oct 9	HB1742	PN4350	60 days	Scrap Material Theft Prevention Act—enactment
114	Oct 9	HB2034	PN3198	90 days*	Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals Act—enactment
115	Oct 9	HB2233	PN3498	60 days	Elm Street Program Act—program requirements and guidelines and repealing expiration date of act

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116	Oct 9	HB2289	PN4518	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—desecration, theft or sale of venerated objects
117	Oct 9	HB2294	PN4525	120 days	Debt Management Services Act—enactment
118	Oct 9	HB2499	PN4523	Immediately*	Massage Therapy Law—enactment
119	Oct 9	HB2525	PN4524	Immediately*	Dog Law—omnibus amendments
120	Oct 9	HB2629	PN4517	Immediately	Health Care Facilities Act—licensure
121	Oct 9	HB2644	PN3986	Immediately	Underground Utility Line Protection Law—duties of facility owners
122	Oct 9	HB2722	PN4224	60 days	SFC Michael J. Tully Memorial Bridges—designation
123	Oct 9	SB0263	PN2453	July 1, 2009	Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act—benefits
124	Oct 9	SB0295	PN2485	120 days	Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act—enactment
125	Oct 9	SB0768	PN2431	60 days	Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations (64 Pa.C.S.)—First Industries Program
126	Oct 9	SB1028	PN2471	Immediately	Second Class Township Code—public roads
127	Oct 9	SB1107	PN2472	60 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.) and Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—modification of existing custody orders, protection of deployed members of Pennsylvania National Guard and reserve components in child custody arrangements
128	Oct 9	SB1504	PN2454	Immediately	Highway Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2008-2009—enactment

\* denotes an effective date with exceptions

#### Effective Dates of Statutes

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