

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2009 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2009 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>
2009 GENERAL ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 037 THROUGH 045					
037	Aug 18	SB0240	PN1312	Immediately*	Health and Safety (35 Pa.C.S.) and Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
038	Aug 27	HB0039	PN2058	Immediately*	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—cruelty to animals
039	Aug 27	SB0366	PN0365	Immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—right to bail
040	Aug 27	SB0574	PN0945	60 days	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.)—Lake Erie fishing permits
041	Sep 3	SB0921	PN1266	60 days	Board of Vehicles Act—mediation and arbitration, unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors and for manufacturer or distributor repurchase of inventory and equipment
042	Sep 18	HB0222	PN0227	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—restitution for identity theft
043	Sep 18	HB0348	PN2571	Immediately	Conveyances—Commonwealth property in Canaan Township, Wayne County, and in City of Altoona, Blair County
044	Sep 18	HB1828	PN2638	Immediately*	Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act—omnibus amendments
045	Sep 18	SB0925	PN1309	60 days	Massage Therapy Law—qualification for licensure and for other professions
2009 APPROPRIATION ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 009A					
009A	Aug 19	HB1663	PN2572	Immediately	Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board—operations

* 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).

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