

# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Recent Actions during the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2012 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>2012 GENERAL ACTS of Regular Session ENACTED—ACT 017 through 020</b>					
017	Mar 14	HB0816	PN1853	60 days	Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act—qualifications for license
018	Mar 14	HB0934	PN3166	Immediately	Pennsylvania Election Code—omnibus amendments
019	Mar 14	HB1355	PN1584	60 days	Jarrid L. King Memorial Bridge—designation
020	Mar 14	HB1886	PN2461	60 days	General Carl E. Vuono Bridge—designation

\* 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 date 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 \$25.

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