

# 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 144 through 205</b>					
144	Oct 8	HB0728	PN3887	Immediately	Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act—regulations, prohibitions and signage requirements for retail service stations
145	Oct 8	HB1478	PN1785	60 days	County Code—hotel room rental tax
146	Oct 8	HB1617	PN3058	90 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to citation
147	Oct 8	SB0367	PN2349	Immediately	Indigenous Mineral Resources Development Act—enactment
148	Oct 24	HB0140	PN4213	90 days	Methadone Death and Incident Review Act—enactment
149	Oct 24	HB1310	PN3893	60 days	Liquor Code—limiting number of retail licenses to be issued in each county
150	Oct 24	HB1417	PN2634	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.), Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.) and Game and Wildlife Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
151	Oct 24	HB1548	PN4148	90 days	Child Labor Act—enactment
152	Oct 24	HB1616	PN3330	90 days	Associations Code (15 Pa.C.S.)—benefit corporations
153	Oct 24	HB1682	PN4185	60 days	Real and Personal Property (68 Pa.C.S.)—creation of land banks for the conversion of vacant or tax-delinquent properties into productive use
154	Oct 24	HB1718	PN3804	60 days	Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code—contents of subdivision and land development ordinance, completion of improvements or guarantee thereof prerequisite to final plat approval and release from improvement bond
155	Oct 24	HB1719	PN3805	60 days	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—purposes and powers of municipal authorities
156	Oct 24	HB1767	PN3481	60 days	Manufactured Home Community Rights Act—omnibus
157	Oct 24	HB1813	PN4149	60 days	Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act—mining permit, reclamation plan and bond and land reclamation financial guarantees
158	Oct 24	HB1830	PN4214	180 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—special plates for individuals in the service of the United States Merchant Marine and special plates for United States military airborne units
159	Oct 24	HB1840	PN4061	60 days	Steel Products Procurement Act—required contract provisions
160	Oct 24	HB1857	PN4236	60 days	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—home rule, tax rates relating to cities and counties of the first class, exemptions from taxation, notices, appeals and certification of values, appeals to court and grantees of real property to register deed

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161	Oct 24	HB1868	PN4074	60 days	Cosmetology Law—eligibility for examination and limited licenses
162	Oct 24	HB1884	PN4224	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in multiple counties
163	Oct 24	HB1970	PN4216	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—vehicles exempt from registration and limits on number of towed vehicles
164	Oct 24	HB1991	PN4174	Immediately	Energy Conservation and Assistance Act—verification of eligibility, fraud reporting to Inspector General, conflict of interest policy, weatherization and energy conservation and performance audits by the Auditor General
165	Oct 24	HB2043	PN4218	Immediately	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—powers and duties of Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission
166	Oct 24	HB2116	PN3445	Immediately*	Local Tax Collection Law—transition from township treasurers to tax collectors in first class townships
167	Oct 24	HB2293	PN4150	Immediately	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.)—serious unlawful take, taking or possessing by illegal methods and Lake Erie fishing permits
168	Oct 24	HB2324	PN3399	Immediately	Public Auditorium Authorities Law—competition in award of contracts
169	Oct 24	HB2366	PN4085	Immediately	Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.)—specific powers and duties of Department of Agriculture and regulations, certified parking meter inspectors and general testing and inspections
170	Oct 24	HB2368	PN4217	60 days	Banking Code of 1965—omnibus amendments
171	Oct 24	HB2369	PN3774	60 days	Department of Banking Code—omnibus amendments
172	Oct 24	HB2370	PN3763	60 days	Loan Interest and Protection Law—residential mortgage interest rates
173	Oct 24	HB2371	PN4151	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—width of vehicles
174	Oct 24	HB2372	PN4219	Immediately*	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—vehicles exempt from registration, farm vehicles, requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles, operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection, width of vehicles and length of vehicles
175	Oct 24	HB2407	PN3670	Immediately	Older Adults Protective Services Act—information relating to prospective facility personnel
176	Oct 24	HB2428	PN4076	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—issuance and content of driver's licenses
177	Oct 24	HB2460	PN4220	60 days	Multiple bridge and highway designations
178	Oct 24	HB2467	PN4079	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—transfer of vehicle ownership and certificate of salvage required
179	Oct 24	HB2530	PN4056	60 days	Pennsylvania Construction Code Act—administration and enforcement
180	Oct 24	HB2565	PN4058	60 days	Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.)—required licenses and registration of food establishments

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181	Oct 24	HB2591	PN3980	Dec. 31, 2012	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.) and State Government (71 Pa.C.S.)—calculation of military members' State Employees' Retirement System benefits
182	Oct 24	HB2630	PN4235	Immediately*	Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law—omnibus amendments
183	Oct 24	SB0079	PN2431	60 days	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—foreign depositions and subpoenas
184	Oct 24	SB0444	PN2433	60 days	Local Option Small Games of Chance Act—omnibus amendments
185	Oct 24	SB0623	PN2454	60 days	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—contracting with veteran-owned small businesses and duties on Department of General Services and other Commonwealth purchasing agencies
186	Oct 24	SB1144	PN2077	60 days	Health Security Act—prohibiting insurers from setting fees for noncovered dentist services
187	Oct 24	SB1147	PN2453	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
188	Oct 24	SB1185	PN2274	Immediately*	First Class Township Code—appointment of township treasurers and election of tax collectors and duties and authority of the board of township commissioners
189	Oct 24	SB1255	PN2170	60 days	Elections (25 Pa.C.S.)—Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act
190	Oct 24	SB1298	PN2410	Immediately	Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974—roll-back taxes and special circumstances and appeals
191	Oct 24	SB1345	PN2285	60 days	Wireless Broadband Collocation Act—enactment
192	Oct 24	SB1442	PN2386	One year	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—Pennsylvania Code of Military Justice and State Military and Justice Fund
193	Oct 24	SB1480	PN2074	Immediately	Capital Budget Act of 2012-2013—enactment
194	Oct 24	SB1531	PN2388	30 days	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.) and Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—funds for Veterans' Trust Fund, contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund and special plates for veterans
195	Oct 24	SB1572	PN2322	Immediately	Qualifications for appointment in competitive class of civil service
196	Oct 25	HB0135	PN4060	60 days	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law—omnibus amendments
197	Oct 25	HB0235	PN4233	60 days	National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Notification Act—enactment
198	Oct 25	HB0815	PN4234	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—offense of sexual abuse of children and offense of transmission of sexually explicit images by minor
199	Oct 25	HB0898	PN0954	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—sale or transfer of firearms
200	Oct 25	HB1121	PN4147	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—offense of recruiting criminal gang members and sentencing for offenses committed in association with a criminal gang

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201	Oct 25	HB1794	PN2472	60 days	HIV-Related Testing for Sex Offenders Act—enactment
202	Oct 25	HB2400	PN4083	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
203	Oct 25	SB0086	PN1680	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
204	Oct 25	SB0850	PN2475	Immediately*	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.), Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.) and Prisons and Parole Code (61 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
205	Oct 25	SB0941	PN2419	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—public drunkenness and similar misconduct and purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages

\* 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 \$25.

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 \$25, payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

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## COMMISSION ON SENTENCING

### Meetings Scheduled

The Commission on Sentencing (Commission) announces the following meetings to be held at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers Hotel, One North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA and at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg, PA:

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 6 p.m. Dinner Meeting  
Harrisburg Hilton and Towers Hotel  
One North Second Street  
Harrisburg, PA

Thursday, December 13, 2012 9 a.m. Policy Committee Meeting  
Pennsylvania Judicial Center  
601 Commonwealth Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA  
1 p.m. Commission Meeting  
Pennsylvania Judicial Center  
601 Commonwealth Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA

Commission meetings are open to the public. Direct any questions related to the Commission meetings to Mark H. Bergstrom, Executive Director, (814) 863-4368, mhb105@psu.edu.

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