

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2004 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 122 through 153					
122	Nov 23	HB0138	PN4594	60 days	Vital Statistics Law of 1953—Vital Statistics Improvement Account, local registrars' fees, reports to county registration commissions and issuance of certificates of death
123	Nov 23	HB0249	PN4736	60 days	First Class Township Code—tax levies
124	Nov 23	HB0310	PN4735	60 days	Colonel George Howard Boulevard and General Richard M. Scott Bridge—designation
125	Nov 23	HB0547	PN0805	60 days	Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972—assessments
126	Nov 23	HB0552	PN4690	immediately	Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972—exempt transactions and fees
127	Nov 23	HB0553	PN0655	60 days	Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972—commission to petition for escrow of extraordinary payments by issuers in certain circumstances
128	Nov 23	HB0561	PN0663	60 days	Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972—adding definition, prohibited advisory activities and prohibited transactions involving public school districts in this Commonwealth
129	Nov 23	HB0595	PN0697	60 days	Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972—right of commission to bring actions for injunctions and equitable relief
130	Nov 23	HB0599	PN1483	60 days	Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972—time limitations on rights of action
131	Nov 23	HB0600	PN0702	60 days	Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972—denial, suspension and revocation of registration
132	Nov 23	HB0604	PN1484	60 days	Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972—definitions, registration sanctions and criminal penalties
133	Nov 23	HB1152	PN4379	30 days	Tax Reform Code of 1971—contributions for juvenile diabetes cure research
134	Nov 23	HB1238	PN1522	60 days	Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act—self-service dispensing stations, prohibition and penalties
135	Nov 23	HB1487	PN1877	immediately	First Class City Government Law—repeals relating to the Department of Public Works and the Department of Supplies and Purchases
136	Nov 23	HB1620	PN4717	immediately	Project 500 lands—Wright Township, Luzerne County, release and imposition of restrictions
137	Nov 23	HB2027	PN4051	60 days	Urban Redevelopment Law—appointment and qualifications of members of authority

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138	Nov 23	HB2218	PN3777	60 days	Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law—definition of “computer-related hardware, software and training,” moneys appropriated to municipalities, and editorial changes
139	Nov 23	HB2227	PN4641	immediately	Forest Lands Beautification Act—funding for Forest Lands Beautification Restricted Account
140	Nov 23	HB2405	PN3381	60 days	Colonel John Craig Memorial Bridge—designation
141	Nov 23	HB2430	PN3558	60 days	Vital Statistics Law of 1953—unidentified dead bodies and fetal remains
142	Nov 23	HB2599	PN4499	60 days	87th Infantry Division Patton's 3rd U.S. Army—WWII Memorial Interchange—designation
143	Nov 23	HB2655	PN3954	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—grading of theft offenses
144	Nov 23	HB2719	PN4482	60 days	Domestic Relations (23 Pa.C.S.)—abolishing common-law marriage and providing for waiting period after application for marriage license
145	Nov 23	HB2745	PN4754	immediately	Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Supplemental Act for 2004-2005—enactment
146	Nov 23	HB2794	PN4757	60 days	Private First Class Bradley G. Kritzer Bridge and Senator Edward P. Zemprelli Bridge—designation or redesignation
147	Nov 23	SB0137	PN1921	60 days	Mental health treatment—consent to treatment, release of medical records and requiring report by Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
148	Nov 23	SB0296	PN0311	immediately	Domestic Relations (23 Pa.C.S.)—court orders relating to adoption records
149	Nov 23	SB0844	PN1975	immediately	Highway and Transportation Assistance Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2003-2004—enactment
150	Nov 23	SB0921	PN1326	60 days	Fiscal Code—delivery sales of cigarettes
151	Nov 23	SB1112	PN1605	immediately	Rouse Estate—establishing Board of Directors
152	Nov 24	SB0092	PN1995	immediately *	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
153	Nov 24	SB0936	PN1250	immediately	Pennsylvania Amber Alert System—establishment, costs, immunity and penalties

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154	Nov 29	HB1211	PN4768	immediately *	Public Welfare Code—omnibus amendments
155	Nov 29	HB1860	PN4744	immediately *	County Code—investment of county funds, definitions and police duties
156	Nov 29	HB1867	PN2433	60 days	Tioga Navigation Company—repeal of provisions relating to fees for measuring grain in Philadelphia
157	Nov 29	HB1868	PN2434	60 days	Market stalls in Philadelphia—repeal of provisions relating to farmers who lease stalls or stands in Philadelphia to sublet them
158	Nov 29	HB1929	PN3940	immediately	Manufactured Housing Improvement Act—enactment
159	Nov 29	HB2155	PN4688	immediately	Fish Code (30 Pa.C.S.)—auditing and reporting, classes of fishing licenses, permits related to fishing, fishing license fees and boat registration fees
160	Nov 29	HB2308	PN4745	60 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—information relating to prospective child-care personnel
161	Nov 29	HB2315	PN3236	60 days	Real Estate Tax Sale Law—hearing and order for judicial sale and combined judicial sales
162	Nov 29	HB2326	PN3247	60 days	Game Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—tagging and reporting big game kills
163	Nov 29	HB2336	PN3289	60 days	Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law—judicial sales and procedure for judicial sale of multiple properties
164	Nov 29	HB2387	PN3768	60 days	Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
165	Nov 29	HB2482	PN4769	60 days	State Railroad Infrastructure Act—enactment
166	Nov 29	HB2572	PN4654	60 days	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—summary of offenses involving vehicles
167	Nov 29	HB2587	PN4462	immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in West Chillisquaque Township, Northumberland County
168	Nov 29	HB2638	PN4649	immediately	Real Estate Tax Sale Law—alternative collection of delinquent property taxes and assignment of claims by taxing district

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169	Nov 29	HB2748	PN4663	immediately	Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law—part-time employees, existing local retirement systems and compulsory and optional membership and return to service relating to certain municipal employees and optional retirement plans
170	Nov 29	HB2798	PN4777	immediately *	Borough Code—eligibility for elective borough office, general powers of mayor and borough powers to convey land
171	Nov 29	HB2804	PN4328	immediately	Coal and Gas Resource Coordination Act—minimum distance between gas wells, voluntary agreements and validity of voluntary agreements
172	Nov 29	HB2980	PN4689	60 days	Local Health Administration Law—omnibus amendments
173	Nov 29	SB0072	PN1998	immediately *	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—aggravated assault, expiration of chapter relating to wiretapping and electronic surveillance and expungement
174	Nov 29	SB0079	PN1978	immediately	Dual Party Relay Service and Telecommunication Device Distribution Program Act—expanding scope of act, definitions, establishment of Print Media Access System Program and establishment of dual party relay service
175	Nov 29	SB0095	PN1939	60 days	Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code (20 Pa.C.S.) and Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
176	Nov 29	SB0109	PN1999	immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—identification of incorrect debtor, summary offenses involving vehicles, law enforcement records, duration of commitment and review and assessments
177	Nov 29	SB0133	PN1982	immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.) and Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
178	Nov 29	SB0255	PN1989	immediately	Alternative Fuels Incentive Act—enactment
179	Nov 29	SB0432	PN1901	immediately	Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act—Wireless E-911 Emergency Services Fund
180	Nov 29	SB0668	PN1888	immediately *	Uniform Crime Reporting Act—enactment
181	Nov 29	SB0673	PN1902	60 days	Agriculture Education Loan Forgiveness Act—Agriculture Education Loan Forgiveness Program and funding
182	Nov 30	HB2528	PN3671	immediately	Capital Budget Act of 2004-2005—enactment

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