

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions During the 1997 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 1997 Regular Session.

1997 ACTS—Acts 15 through 22 (numerical)

<i>Act No.</i>	<i>Enactment Date</i>	<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Printer's Number</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
1997-15	June 12	SB613	PN644	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Cambria County
1997-16	June 12	SB236	PN260	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Delaware County
1997-17	June 12	HB90	PN1509	60 days	Lycoming County Veterans' Memorial Highway and Joseph M. McDade Expressway—designation
1997-18	June 18	SB125	PN1173	Immediately	County Code—omnibus amendments
1997-19	June 18	SB415	PN430	30 days	State Board of Psychology—transition period for prospective psychologists
1997-20	June 18	HB1054	PN1471	Immediately	Insurance Department Act of 1921, The—confidential information sharing
1997-21	June 18	HB854	PN1924	July 1, 1997	Capital Budget Act of 1997-1998—enactment
1997-22	June 19	SB123	PN1174	Immediately	Public School Code of 1949—charter schools

1997 APPROPRIATIONS—Acts 42A through 44A (numerical)

<i>Act No.</i>	<i>Enactment Date</i>	<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Printer's Number</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
1997-42A	June 18	SB870	PN1157	Immediately*	General Appropriation Act of 1997—Executive Department agencies, adding or changing certain State and Federal appropriations
1997-43A	June 18	HB848	PN1786	July 1, 1997	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission—operation
1997-44A	June 18	HB849	PN1978	July 1, 1997	Office of Consumer Advocate—operation

*with exceptions

1997 JOINT RESOLUTION—JR 3 (numerical)

<i>Jr No.</i>	<i>Filing Date</i>	<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Printer's Number</i>	<i>Prior Passage</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
1997-3	June 16	HB171	2015	JR 1996-2	Elections—absentee voting

Effective Dates of Statutes

The effective dates specified above 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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Copies of House Bills and Documents may be obtained from: Document Room, House of Representatives, 35 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-5320.

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