# 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 58 through 66 (numerical)

Act No.	Enactment Date	Bill No.	Printer's No.	Effective Date	Subject Matter
1997-58	Dec. 16	HB1412	PN2655	Immediately*	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1997-59	Dec. 19	SB577	PN1475	Immediately	Public School Code of 1949—sale of unused and unnecessary lands and buildings
1997-60	Dec. 19	SB1160	PN1434	Immediately	Airport Divestiture Act—enactment
1997-61	Dec. 19	HB21	PN2521	Immediately	Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act—actuarial valuation report contents
1997-62	Dec. 19	HB474	PN2576	Immediately	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—unlawful contact or communication with minor and solvent sale or illegal use
1997-63	Dec. 19	HB836	PN2073	Immediately	New Home Construction Local Tax Abatement Act—exemption procedure
1997-64	Dec. 19	HB959	PN2660	Immediately*	First Class Township Code, The—mercantile and business privilege tax on gross receipts, authorization to levy, assess and collect
1997-65	Dec. 19	HB1125	PN2590	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—unauthorized administration of intoxicant and druginduced rape penalties
1997-66	Dec. 19	HB1463	PN2699	Immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Huntingdon and Union counties
1997 APPROPRIATION—Act 45A (numerical)					
Act No.	Enactment Date	Bill No.	Printer's No.	Effective Date	Subject Matter
1997-45A	Dec. 19	НВ7	PN2691	Immediately	General Appropriation Act of 1997— Auditor General and Department of State additional appropriations and Insurance Department Federal appropriation

<sup>\*</sup> with exceptions

#### **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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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 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 \$20.

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## **Legislative Bills and Documents**

Copies of Senate Bills and Documents may be obtained from: Document Room, Senate of Pennsylvania, Room 34A, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-6732.

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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