# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### Recent Actions during the 2002 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2002 Regular Session. Doc. Date of Bill Printer's Effective Action Number Subject Matter No. Number Date 2002 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 105 through 112 105 Jul 4 60 days SB1225 PN2149 Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)-electric personal assistive mobility devices and inspection station certificates of appointment 106 Jul 4 SB0984 PN2099 immediately Conveyance-Commonwealth property in Franklin County and removal of restrictions in Huntingdon County 107 Jul 4 SB0462 PN2156 180 days Viatical Settlements Act—enactment Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972-108 Jul 4 SB0893 60 days PN2160 omnibus amendments 109 Jul 10 SB0589 PN2169 60 days Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—postconviction DNA testing 110 Jul 10 HB0599 **PN4166** immediately\* Insurance Company Law of 1921, Theomnibus amendments 111 Jul 10 HB0754 PN4170 60 days Waste tire recycling, reuse, disposal and cleanup—omnibus amendments 112 Jul 10 HB1501 PN4171 30 days Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)-sale of tobacco, tobacco vending machine placement and preemption

\* 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).

### **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 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.

Requests for annual subscriptions for advance copies of statutes should be sent to the State Bookstore, State Records Center Building, 1825 Stanley Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17103, accompanied by a check or money order in the sum of \$20, payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

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