

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions During the 1996 Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 1995 Regular and Special Sessions.

1996 ACTS—Acts 49 through 51 (numerical)

| <i>Act No.</i> | <i>Enactment Date</i> | <i>Bill No.</i> | <i>Printer's No.</i> | <i>Effective Date</i> | <i>Subject Matter</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1996-49 | May 31 | HB1431 | PN3485 | Immediately | Liquor Code—omnibus amendments |
| 1996-50 | May 31 | HB1868 | PN3546 | 60 days | County land preservation—use of land by wireless or cellular telecommunication provider |
| 1996-51 | May 31 | HB1869 | PN3547 | 60 days | Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974—separation, splitoff or transfer of land for use by wireless or cellular telecommunication provider |

1996 SPECIAL SESSION ACTS—Acts 2 and 3 (numerical)

| <i>Act No.</i> | <i>Enactment Date</i> | <i>Bill No.</i> | <i>Printer's No.</i> | <i>Effective Date</i> | <i>Subject Matter</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1996-2 | May 31 | HB4 | PN45 | Immediately | Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments |
| 1996-3 | May 31 | HB6 | PN46 | Immediately | Weather Disaster Relief Act for January 1996—enactment |

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 the 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."

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, telephone (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, telephone (717) 787-5320.

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