

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 1996 Regular and Special Sessions.

1996 ACTS—Acts 118 through 128 (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>
1996-118	Oct. 7	SB1332	PN2203	60 days*	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—determination of driver or applicant incompetency and judicial review and supersedeas
1996-119	Oct. 7	SB1431	PN2131	120 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.) and Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (42 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-120	Oct. 16	HB1053	PN3456	60 days	Real and Personal Property (68 Pa.C.S.)—operation and suspension of adult-oriented establishments
1996-121	Oct. 16	HB1886	PN3937	60 days	Agricultural Area Security Law—agricultural security areas and conservation easements
1996-122	Oct. 16	HB1985	PN4000	60 days	Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act—repossession of motor vehicle
1996-123	Oct. 16	SB80	PN1578	90 days	Insurance Company Law of 1921, The—official vehicle inspection station loss of liability insurance; insurer notification to Department of Transportation
1996-124	Oct. 16	SB434	PN2306	60 days	Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1996-125	Oct. 16	SB742	PN2132	Immediately	Local Government Unit Debt Act—small borrowing for capital purposes
1996-126	Oct. 16	SB1220	PN2303	Immediately	Bradford County Veterans Memorial Bridge, Jimmy Stewart Boulevard and Louis A. Magnano Interchange—designations
1996-127	Oct. 16	SB1433	PN2200	60 days	Charitable Gift Annuity Exemption Act—enactment
1996-128	Oct. 16	SB1466	PN2310	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—theft of trade secrets, trademark counterfeiting, expungement of criminal records and penalties

*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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