

# 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 23 through 43 (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>
1997-23	June 24	HB1414	PN1979	July 1, 1997	Job Enhancement Act—omnibus amendments
1997-24	June 25	SB7	PN1186	Immediately	Regulatory Review Act—omnibus amendments
1997-25	June 25	SB126	PN1171	Immediately	Project 70 lands—Clinton, Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties
1997-26	June 25	SB135	PN1135	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1997-27	June 25	SB182	PN948	60 days	Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law—dog purchaser protection, Attorney General duties and records and penalties
1997-28	June 25	SB423	PN1195	Immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—Sunday service of process, first degree murder sentencing and victims exclusion from trials
1997-29	June 25	SB875	PN1187	July 1, 1997	Pennsylvania Health Care Insurance Portability Act—enactment
1997-30	June 25	HB8	PN2075	Immediately*	Public School Code of 1949—omnibus amendments
1997-31	June 25	HB77	PN1980	Immediately	Barry A. King, Mifflin-South Centre Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Bridges—designations and transfer of roads in Adams County
1997-32	June 25	HB86	PN2021	Immediately*	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments
1997-33	June 25	HB87	PN2019	Immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—presigned extradition waiver and postconviction relief
1997-34	June 25	HB337	PN1483	60 days	Pennsylvania Human Relations Act—advertising, limitations and civil penalties
1997-35	June 25	HB385	PN428	Immediately	Premarital tests—repeal of statutes
1997-36	June 25	HB479	PN2016	60 days	First Class Township Code, The—tapping fees assessment and contracts
1997-37	June 25	HB711	PN1343	60 days	Deaf and Hearing Impaired—office and advisory council redesignation and expiration date
1997-38	June 25	HB798	PN1065	Immediately	Pennsylvania Conservation Corps Act—omnibus amendments
1997-39	June 25	HB924	PN1038	Immediately	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources—distribution, publication and copying of surveys
1997-40	June 25	HB1055	PN1985	Immediately	Insurance Department Act of 1921, The—omnibus amendments
1997-41	June 25	HB1160	PN1981	Immediately	State Government (71 Pa.C.S.)—vestee classification for certain medical treatment employees affected by mergers
1997-42	June 25	HB1341	PN1623	Immediately	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—retail theft
1997-43	June 25	HB1375	PN1616	Immediately	Commonwealth Agency Adjudicatory Expenses Award Law—expiration date of act extended

\*with exceptions

**1997 VETOES—Veto 1 and 2 (numerical)**

<i>Veto No.</i>	<i>Veto Date</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Printer's No.</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
1997-1	June 25	SB200	PN1172	Pennsylvania Election Code—omnibus amendments
1997-2	June 25	HB502	PN2071	General County Assessment Law, The—omnibus amendments

**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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