

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2003 Regular Session.

<i>Doc. No.</i>	<i>Date of Action</i>	<i>Bill Number</i>	<i>Printer's Number</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
2003 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 012 through 015					
012	Jul 17	SB0044	PN1082	immediately	Conveyance—Commonwealth property in Dauphin and Philadelphia Counties
013	Jul 17	SB0277	PN0284	60 days	Third class cities—residency requirements for firemen, fire alarm operators and fire box inspectors
014	Jul 17	SB0387	PN1076	immediately	Health Care Cost Containment Act—powers and duties of council, submission, collection and dissemination of data, mandated health benefits, access to council data, enforcement and penalty and expiration
015	Jul 17	HB0782	PN2384	immediately*	Liquor Code—omnibus amendments

* denotes an effective date 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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