

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Recent Actions during the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2004 Regular Session.

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<b>2004 GENERAL ACTS ENACTED—ACT 052 through 095</b>					
052	Jul 2	HB1488	PN1878	immediately	Repeal—law pertaining to salaries and compensation of officers, clerks and employees in office of recorder of deeds in certain counties
053	Jul 2	HB2042	PN4058	60 days	Game Code (34 Pa.C.S.)—wild turkey hunting
054	Jul 2	SB0319	PN1030	immediately*	Interstate Compact for Juveniles Act—enactment
055	Jul 2	SB0751	PN1432	60 days	Medical Practice Act of 1985—respiratory care practitioners and continuing respiratory care education
056	Jul 2	SB0752	PN1545	60 days	Osteopathic Medical Practice Act—licensing of physician assistants, respiratory care permits and continuing education
057	Jul 2	HB0445	PN4198	60 days	Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act—enactment
058	Jul 2	HB0550	PN4101	immediately	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—standing and parking prohibitions
059	Jul 2	HB1937	PN2533	immediately	Edward A. Silk Memorial Bridge—designation
060	Jul 2	HB2268	PN3119	immediately	Repeals—laws pertaining to permanent centennial exposition building in Philadelphia
061	Jul 2	HB2378	PN3356	60 days	Jack E. Kuhn Memorial Highway—designation
062	Jul 2	HB2649	PN3944	60 days	Dr. Charles F. Taylor Memorial Highway and The Last Raft Memorial Bridge—designations
063	Jul 4	SB0200	PN1765	immediately	Education (24 Pa.C.S.)—termination of annuities
064	Jul 4	HB1965	PN2564	immediately	Repeal—law pertaining to Pennsylvania Post-War Planning Commission
065	Jul 4	HB2081	PN3424	60 days	Military and Veterans Code (51 Pa.C.S.)—early termination of housing rental agreement by military personnel and penalties
066	Jul 4	HB2512	PN4229	immediately	Milk Producers' Security Act—passage of title to milk, security bonds, new licenses, trusteeship, prohibitions and violations, etc.
067	Jul 4	HB2472	PN4320	immediately	Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act—borrowing limitations, bond terms and conditions, Capital Debt Fund, etc.
068	Jul 4	HB2726	PN4321	immediately	Library Code—fiscal year waiver of standards and State aid for 2004-2005
069	Jul 4	HB1039	PN4230	immediately	Public Welfare Code—Medicaid, managed care organization assessments and intermediate care facilities for mentally retarded persons assessments

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070	Jul 4	HB0564	PN4325	immediately*	Public School Code of 1949—background checks of prospective employees, reports to Secretary of Education, withholding of State appropriations, Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee, etc.
071	Jul 5	HB2330	PN4272	immediately	Amusements (4 Pa.C.S.)—Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act
072	Jul 5	SB0100	PN1789	60 days	Homeowner Tax Relief Act—enactment
073	Jul 13	SB0922	PN1438	60 days	Health and Safety (35 Pa.C.S.)—custodial care facilities
074	Jul 15	HB1117	PN4319	60 days	Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—railroad protection, railroad vandalism, interference with transportation facilities and railroad civil immunity
075	Jul 15	HB1130	PN4139	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—learners' permits, drivers of emergency vehicles, Child Passenger Restraint Fund, oral hazard warnings and civil immunity for lenders of child passenger restraint systems
076	Jul 15	HB1912	PN4143	60 days	Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.)—person with disability plate and placard, physical examinations, reports on mental or physical disabilities or disorders and determination of incompetency
077	Jul 15	HB1996	PN4282	60 days	Procurement (62 Pa.C.S.)—cooperative purchasing, legislative reports and guaranteed energy savings and contracts
078	Jul 15	HB2230	PN3040	immediately	Emergency Medical Services Act—support of emergency medical services
079	Jul 15	HB2351	PN3279	60 days	Borough Code—retirement benefits of employees transferred to wastewater authorities
080	Jul 15	HB2433	PN4246	immediately	Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act—award of grants, expenses incurred by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and allocation of appropriated funds
081	Jul 15	HB2467	PN3519	60 days	Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act—contents of actuarial valuation report
082	Jul 16	HB2654	PN4249	immediately*	General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—parking authorities and taxicabs and limousines in cities of the first class
083	Jul 15	SB0157	PN1766	immediately*	Public School Code of 1949—firefighter and emergency service training as creditable high school courses, education empowerment districts and credit card marketing on college or university campus
084	Jul 15	SB0508	PN1727	60 days	Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law—redemption of property and challenging foreclosure sales
085	Jul 15	SB0679	PN1549	60 days	Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act—possession or transporting of liquefied ammonia gas, possession of certain precursors and chemicals used in manufacture of controlled substances and clandestine drug laboratories
086	Jul 15	SB0769	PN1654	90 days	Elderly Immunization Act—enactment

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087	Jul 15	SB0971	PN1340	60 days	Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act—definition of “crimes related to public office or public employment”
088	Jul 15	SB0979	PN1779	immediately	Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—child victims and witnesses
089	Jul 15	SB1039	PN1791	immediately	Public Officers (65 Pa.C.S.)—definition of “agency”
090	Jul 15	SB1092	PN1557	60 days	Fred Jaindl Memorial Highway—designation
091	Jul 15	SB1095	PN1565	60 days	Chuck Mattei Interchange—designation
092	Jul 15	SB1100	PN1573	60 days	General County Assessment Law—valuation of property
093	Jul 15	SB1139	PN1784	immediately	Pennsylvania Construction Code Act—application of act, adoption of regulations, administration and enforcement, changes in Uniform Construction Code and exemptions
094	Jul 15	SB1184	PN1734	60 days	Project 70 lands—release and imposition of restrictions on land in Scranton, Lackawanna County
095	Jul 20	HB0147	PN4323	immediately	Tax Reform Code of 1971—film production tax credit
<b>2004 APPROPRIATION ACTS ENACTED—ACT 001A through 039A</b>					
001A	Jul 2	HB2522	PN3665	immediately	Office of Consumer Advocate—operation
002A	Jul 2	HB2523	PN3666	immediately	Office of Small Business Advocate—operation
003A	Jul 2	HB2524	PN4196	immediately	State Employees' Retirement Board—expenses and payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at end of fiscal year ending June 30, 2004
004A	Jul 2	HB2525	PN3668	immediately	Public School Employees' Retirement Board—expenses and payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at end of fiscal year ending June 30, 2004
005A	Jul 2	HB2526	PN3669	immediately	Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs—support of professional licensure boards
006A	Jul 2	HB2527	PN4197	immediately	Department of Labor and Industry—administrative expenses and operation of Office of Small Business Advocate
007A	Jul 4	HB2579	PN4326	immediately	General Appropriation Act of 2004—enactment
008A	Jul 4	HB2521	PN4192	immediately	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission—operation
009A	Jul 12	HB2529	PN4318	immediately	Pennsylvania State University—operation, instruction, medical education, children's hospital, agricultural research and extension services, etc.
010A	Jul 12	HB2531	PN4298	immediately	University of Pittsburgh—operation, maintenance, education, doctor of medicine instruction, veterinary activities and cardiovascular studies, etc.
011A	Jul 12	HB2532	PN4299	immediately	Temple University—operation, doctor of medicine instruction, dental clinics, podiatric medicine, Richard J. Fox Bio-Medical Center, etc.
012A	Jul 12	HB2533	PN4300	immediately	Lincoln University—operation, instruction, etc.

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013A	Jul 12	HB2535	PN4302	immediately	University of Pennsylvania—dental clinics, doctor of medicine program, veterinary activities and cardiovascular studies
014A	Jul 12	HB2536	PN4303	immediately	Philadelphia Health and Education Corporation—colleges of medicine, public health, nursing and health professions, operation, maintenance, etc.
015A	Jul 12	HB2537	PN4304	immediately	Thomas Jefferson University—Doctor of Medicine program, maintenance, College of Allied Health Sciences, student aid, Children's Heart Hospital and Tay-Sachs disease program
016A	Jul 12	HB2538	PN4305	immediately	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine—instruction
017A	Jul 12	HB2539	PN4306	immediately	Pennsylvania College of Optometry—instruction
018A	Jul 12	HB2540	PN4307	immediately	University of the Arts—instruction and student aid
019A	Jul 12	HB2541	PN4308	immediately	Berean Training and Industrial School—operation, maintenance and payment of debt service
020A	Jul 12	HB2542	PN4309	immediately	Johnson Technical Institute of Scranton—operation and maintenance
021A	Jul 12	HB2543	PN4310	immediately	Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades—operation and maintenance
022A	Jul 12	HB2544	PN3686	immediately	Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research—operation and maintenance and cancer research program
023A	Jul 12	HB2545	PN3687	immediately	Wistar Institute—operation and maintenance expenses and research
024A	Jul 12	HB2546	PN3688	immediately	Central Penn Oncology Group—operation
025A	Jul 12	HB2547	PN3689	immediately	Lancaster Cleft Palate—outpatient-inpatient treatment
026A	Jul 12	HB2548	PN3690	immediately	Pittsburgh Cleft Palate—outpatient-inpatient treatment
027A	Jul 12	HB2549	PN3691	immediately	Burn Foundation—outpatient and inpatient treatment
028A	Jul 12	HB2550	PN4311	immediately	Children's Institute—treatment and rehabilitation of young persons with disabling diseases
029A	Jul 12	HB2551	PN3693	immediately	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia—comprehensive patient care for children and general maintenance and operation of hospital
030A	Jul 12	HB2552	PN3694	immediately	Beacon Lodge Camp—services to the blind
031A	Jul 12	HB2553	PN4312	immediately	Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh—Carnegie Museum of Natural History maintenance and purchases and Carnegie Science Center Planetarium and center operation
032A	Jul 12	HB2555	PN4314	immediately	Academy of Natural Sciences—maintenance expenses
033A	Jul 12	HB2556	PN4322	immediately	African-American Museum—operating expenses
034A	Jul 12	HB2557	PN3699	immediately	Everhart Museum—operating expenses
035A	Jul 12	HB2558	PN4315	immediately	Mercer Museum—operating expenses

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036A	Jul 12	HB2559	PN4316	immediately	Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts—operating expenses
037A	Jul 15	HB2534	PN4301	immediately	Drexel University—instruction and student aid
038A	Jul 15	HB2554	PN4313	immediately	Franklin Institute Science Museum—maintenance expenses
039A	Jul 15	HB2590	PN4317	immediately	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine—instruction in Doctor of Osteopathy program
<b>2004 VETOES OF BILLS—VETO 003 through 004</b>					
003	Jul 1	HB2128	PN3290		Public School Code of 1949—regulation of expelled students, Emergency Basic Education Subsidy Fund and basic education subsidy continuation funding
004	Jul 21	HB2758	PN4224		General Local Government Code (53 Pa.C.S.)—fire company reduction and closure provisions for cities of the first class

\* denotes an effective date with exceptions

#### Effective Dates of Statutes

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