

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Cost-of-Living Factor Under the Public Official Compensation Law

Under Section 4(d) of the Public Official Compensation Law (Act 72 of 2005), for the 12-month period beginning December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2009, the salary of the members of the General Assembly shall be increased by a cost-of-living factor which is determined by increasing the amount of the salary by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period of November 1, 2007, through October 31, 2008.

The percentage increase and the new salary amount have been determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives as follows:

The cumulative percentage change in the CPI-U for November 1, 2007, through October 31, 2008, equals 2.8247%. The new salary amount equals \$78,314.66.

Under section 4(d.1) of the Public Official Compensation Law (Act 72 of 2005), for the 12-month period beginning December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2009, the additional compensation of the officers and leaders of the General Assembly shall be increased by a cost-of-living factor which is determined by increasing the amount of the salary by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period from November 1, 2007, through October 31, 2008.

The percentage increase and the new compensation amounts have been determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives as follows:

| <i>Leadership Position</i> | <i>% Increase</i> | <i>New Compensation</i> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| President pro tempore/ Speaker | 2.8247% | \$ 43,939.52 |
| Majority Floor Leader | 2.8247% | \$ 35,153.29 |
| Minority Floor Leader | 2.8247% | \$ 35,153.29 |
| Majority Whip | 2.8247% | \$ 26,678.64 |
| Minority Whip | 2.8247% | \$ 26,678.64 |
| Majority Caucus Chairman | 2.8247% | \$ 16,634.37 |
| Minority Caucus Chairman | 2.8247% | \$ 16,634.37 |
| Appropriations Chairman | 2.8247% | \$ 26,678.64 |
| Minority Appropriations Chairman | 2.8247% | \$ 26,678.64 |
| Majority Caucus Secretary | 2.8247% | \$ 10,985.71 |
| Minority Caucus Secretary | 2.8247% | \$ 10,985.71 |
| Majority Caucus Policy Chairman | 2.8247% | \$ 10,985.71 |
| Minority Caucus Policy Chairman | 2.8247% | \$ 10,985.71 |
| Majority Caucus Administrator | 2.8247% | \$ 10,985.71 |
| Minority Caucus Administrator | 2.8247% | \$ 10,985.71 |

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Recent Actions during the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly During the 2008 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> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 2008 GENERAL ACTS OF REGULAR SESSION ENACTED—ACT 129 through 132 | | | | | |
| 129 | Oct 15 | HB2200 | PN4526 | 30 days | Public Utility Code (66 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments |
| 130 | Oct 15 | SB0763 | PN2500 | Immediately | Local Tax Enabling Act—omnibus amendments |
| 131 | Oct 17 | HB1845 | PN4528 | Immediately | Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments |
| 132 | Oct 17 | SB0100 | PN2484 | July 1, 2009 | Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act—enactment |
| 2008 VETOES OF REGULAR SESSION OF BILLS—VETO 003 through 004 | | | | | |
| 003 | Oct 17 | SB0740 | PN2499 | Immediately | Conveyance—Commonwealth properties |
| 004 | Oct 17 | SB1258 | PN2487 | Immediately | Fourth to Eighth Class and Selective County Assessment Law—expanding scope of act, application of act and appeals by municipalities |

* denotes an effective date with exceptions

Effective Dates of Statutes

The effective dates specified previously 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 (Department) 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 statutes should be sent to the State Bookstore, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120, accompanied by a check or money order in the sum of \$20, payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

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