THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recent Actions during the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly

The following is a summary of recent actions of the General Assembly during the 2010 Regular Session.

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| | 2010 GEN | NERAL ACTS (| OF REGULAR | SESSION ENACT | TED—ACT 103 through 126 |
| 103 | Nov 18 | HB2614 | PN4228 | 60 days | Senator Jim Rhoades Memorial Bridge—designation |
| 104 | Nov 17 | HB0101 | PN4389 | Immediately* | Public School Code of 1949—omnibus amendments |
| 105 | Nov 23 | HB0060 | PN3975 | 90 days | Housing Finance Agency Law—Pennsylva- nia Housing Affordability and Rehabilita- tion Enhancement Program, establishing Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund |
| 106 | Nov 23 | HB0174 | PN4473 | 60 days | Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.)—codifying Public Eating and Drinking Place Law and the Food Act, protection of public health and regulations, licensing, organic foods, maple products, food employee certification and farmers' market |
| 107 | Nov 23 | HB0196 | PN0195 | 60 days | Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act—prohibited acts and penal- ties |
| 108 | Nov 23 | HB0708 | PN4465 | 60 days | Covered Device Recycling Act—enactment |
| 109 | Nov 23 | HB1394 | PN4467 | Immediately | Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974—split-off, separa- tion or transfer of land, penalty for ineli- gible use, removal of land from preferen- tial assessment |
| 110 | Nov 23 | HB1482 | PN4370 | 60 days* | Health Care Facilities Act—photo identification tag regulations |
| 111 | Nov 23 | HB1609 | PN2269 | 60 days | Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code—municipalities' powers, traditional neighborhood development designations, written and graphic design guideline manuals, ordinance provisions for tradi- tional neighborhood development |
| 112 | Nov 23 | HB1639 | PN4468 | 60 days | Domestic Relations Code (23 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—contempt for noncompliance with visitation or partial custody order and child custody |
| 113 | Nov 23 | HB2139 | PN4267 | 60 days | Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus System Act—enactment |
| 114 | Nov 23 | HB2172 | PN4432 | 60 days | Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—courts of common pleas judges, jurisdiction and venue of Philadelphia Municipal Court and magisterial district judges |
| 115 | Nov 23 | HB2258 | PN3849 | 60 days | Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—juvenile matters and disposition of dependent child |
| 116 | Nov 23 | HB2273 | PN3704 | 60 days | Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.)—domestic animals, further providing for application |
| 117 | Nov 23 | HB2275 | PN4445 | Immediately | Multiple conveyances |
| 118 | Nov 23 | HB2321 | PN4469 | 60 days* | Amusements (4 Pa.C.S.) and Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Health and Safety (35 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments |
| 119 | Nov 23 | HB2338 | PN3593 | 120 days | Children in Foster Care Act—enactment |
| 120 | Nov 23 | HB2497 | PN4476 | Immediately* | Education (24 Pa.C.S.) and State Government (71 Pa.C.S.)—omnibus amendments |

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| 121 | Nov 23 | HB2521 | PN4290 | 60 days | Anatomic Pathology Service Disclosure Act—enactment | | | | | |
| 122 | Nov 23 | HB2547 | PN3826 | Immediately | Banks and Banking (7 Pa.C.S.)—exceptions to license requirements | | | | | |
| 123 | Nov 23 | SB0441 | PN2281 | Immediately | Public School Code of 1949—Disqualifica- tions relating to teacher's certificate, med- ical examinations of teachers and other persons and attendance in other districts | | | | | |
| 124 | Nov 23 | SB0642 | PN0697 | Immediately* | Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterator State Registration Act—omnibus amendments | | | | | |
| 125 | Nov 23 | SB0906 | PN2121 | Immediately | Agriculture Code (3 Pa.C.S.) and Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.)—keeping and handling of domestic animals, ecoterrorism and criminal trespass | | | | | |
| 126 | Nov 23 | SB0976 | PN2064 | 60 days | Pennsylvania Amber Alert System Law—system establishment, prohibited us, coordination with other jurisdictions, immunity and creating Missing Endangered Person Advisory System | | | | | |
| 2010 VETOES OF REGULAR SESSION OF BILLS—VETO 2 through 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Oct 22 | HB101 | PN4389 | Immediately* | Public School Code of 1929—omnibus amendments | | | | | |
| 3 | Oct 22 | SB1280 | PN2231 | Immediately* | Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act—medical professional liability insurance, Medical Care Avail- ability and Reduction of Error Fund, actu- arial data and conflict | | | | | |
| 4 | Nov 27 | HB1231 | PN4393 | Immediately | Workers' Compensation Act—cancer in the occupation of firefighter | | | | | |
| 5 | Nov 27 | HB1926 | PN4477 | Immediately* | Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.) and Judicial Code (42 Pa.C.S.)—use of force in protection of self or others, grading of theft offenses, licenses to carry firearms, civil immunity for use of force, registration of sex offenders and failure to comply | | | | | |
| 6 | Nov 27 | HB2477 | PN4471 | Immediately | County Code—omnibus amendments | | | | | |

^{*} 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).

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