

How to Find Recent Federal and Pennsylvania Public Laws

WESTLAW

Federal

There are two ways to find recent public laws on Westlaw.

1. By using the US-PL database
2. By using SITE MAP

A. Using the US-PL database

- Type in US-PL in search for a database
- Search for a database

-Then type laws in search box with date restrictions. Eg. laws and date(2008).

-Or use date restrictions such as ("last 30 days".)

-You will see the first twenty recent public laws. To see more click on the right arrow found at the bottom of your screen.



B. Using the SITE MAP

From Westlaw top screen click on [SITE MAP](#)

-[FIND & PRINT KEYCITE DIRECTORY KEY NUMBER COURT DOCS SITE MAP](#)

-Scroll down to [Add/Remove Tabs My Westlaw](#)

[Add/Remove Tabs \(My Westlaw\)](#)

-Click on [Add Westlaw Tabs](#)

-Scroll down to Jurisdictional - Federal and click on [Legislative History - Fed](#)

-Under Federal Legislative History Updates you will find the following: and click on

USCCAN PUBLIC LAWS.

-You can also find reports, executive orders, etc. See the listing below.

[USCCAN Public Laws](#)

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[USCCAN Legislative History Reports](#)

[USCCAN Executive Orders](#)

[USCCAN Presidential Proclamations](#)

[USCCAN Presidential Messages and Signing Statements](#)

[Caselaw - Topical Highlights](#)
[Caselaw - West Codenotes](#)

-From the above you can also see recent federal cases [under Caselaw - Topical Highlights](#)

Scroll down and see what other services you can find.

[Legislative History Updates](#)

Find by citation:

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Search for a database:

Search for a database

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Pending Bills and Regulations:

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Compiled Histories:

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[US GAO documents \(pdf\)](#)

Profiler - Expert:

Search by name or area of expertise:

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Profiler - Attorney or Judge:

Search by name or practice area:

[Advanced Search](#)

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Find by popular name:

USCA & Federalist Papers:

Supreme Ct & Federal Cases:

Select a database

News & Analysis:

Select a database

KeyCite this citation:

Law Reviews & Journals:

Select a database

Texts & Treatises:

Pennsylvania

- From the directory click on directory click on US State materials
- Then go to Pa-legis [Pennsylvania Legislative Service](#) (PA-LEGIS) 
- By using terms and connectors type "laws and date (2008)"

Terms and Connectors


Natural Language

Search : [Thesaurus](#)

LEXIS

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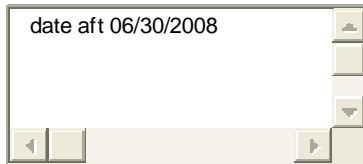
1. Follow this trail

[Legal](#) > [Federal Legal - U.S.](#) > [Find Statutes, Regulations, Administrative Materials & Court Rules](#) > [United States Code Service \(USCS\) Materials](#) > **USCS - Public Laws** 

2. Use terms and connectors search method

3. To see the last three months type in as shown below.

Terms and Connectors Natural Language Easy Search™



A screenshot of a search filter box. The text inside the box is "date aft 06/30/2008". To the right of the text are three small square buttons stacked vertically. Below the box are two larger square buttons, one on the left and one on the right, with arrows pointing left and right respectively.

Pennsylvania


-Follow the following trail

[Legal](#) > [States Legal - U.S.](#) > [Pennsylvania](#) > [Find Statutes, Regulations, Administrative Materials & Court Rules](#) > **PA - Pennsylvania Advance Legislative Service** 

Search



- [Restrict by document segment?](#)
- [Use wildcards as placeholders for one or more characters in a search term?](#)

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THE INTERNET

Federal

1. Go to GPOaccess database



The screenshot shows the header of the GPO Access website. On the left is the GPO Access logo. To its right is a search box with the text "Resources by Topic" and a dropdown arrow, followed by a "Go" button. Further right is a "Site Search:" label, a search input field, and another "Go" button. Below these elements is a navigation bar with red and blue sections. The red section contains "LEGISLATIVE", "EXECUTIVE", and "JUDICIAL". The blue section contains "A-Z RESOURCE LIST", "FIND A FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY", and "BUY PUBLICATIONS". To the right of the red section are "HELP" and "ABOUT" buttons.

2. On the left hand sign click on public and private laws

- [Public and Private Laws](#)

3. Click on [Browse public and private laws for the 110th Congress](#)

4. Click on TEXT or PDF

Pub.L. 110-001 To redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area". NOTE: Jan. 17, 2007 - [S. 159]

[TEXT](#) [PDF](#)

Pub.L. 110-002 To revise the composition of the House of Representatives Page Board to equalize the number of members representing the majority and minority parties and to include a member representing the parents of pages and a member representing former pages, and for other purposes. NOTE: Feb. 2, 2007 - [H.R. 475]

Pennsylvania

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/>

-Click on to Legislation Enacted Since 1975

[Legislation Enacted Since 1975](#)

Legislation Enacted

Year	<input type="text"/>	(Optional)
Session	<input type="text" value="0"/>	(Optional)
Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acts on General Legislation approvedAppropriation Acts approvedBills that have been VetoedJoint Resolutions (Amendments to the Constitution) passedSupplemental Assistance Plans adoptedReorganization Plans adoptedCourt Rules Reports adopted	
Act #	<input type="text"/>	(Optional)

-Type in the year

Year (Optional)

-You will find the following

-If you need to read the bill, click on the bill number

Acts on General Legislation approved In 2008

Act	Enact. Date	Bill	Subject
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1	Jan 22	HB 1795	Staff Sergeant Jeremy R. Horton Memorial Bridge - designation (effective 60 DAYS)
2	Feb 4	HB 1109	Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S.) - fishing licenses, nonresident, tourist and one-day fishing licenses, issuing agents, and license, permit and issuing agent fees (effective IMMEDIATELY)
3	Feb 14	SB 1	Right-to-Know Law - enactment (effective IMMEDIATELY)