### **NEW YORK**

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### **Package Instructions:**

- 1. Print the following PDF files in 8.5 x11 sheets of paper, unless otherwise specified use the color white.
- 2. The Federal OSHA poster must be printed in an 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14 sheet of paper to be in compliance.
- 3. Post the printed sheets in a place frequented by employees (i.e. lunch rooms, HR offices, employee lounges).
- 4. You may also distribute electronic copies of the Labor Law Notices to all relevant workstations in your facility.



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### Labor Law Information Relating to



### Public Employees Job Safety & Health Protection

The New York State Public Employee Safety and Health Act of 1980 provides job safety and health protection for workers through the promotion of safe and healthful working conditions throughout the State. Requirements of the Act include the following:

### **Employers**

Employers must provide employees with a workplace that is:

- free from recognized hazards,
- in compliance with the safety and health standards that apply to the workplace, and
- in compliance with any other regulations issued under the PESH Act by the Commissioner of Labor.

### **Employees**

Employees must comply with all safety and health standards that apply to their actions on the job. Employees must also comply with any regulations issued under the PESH Act that apply to their job.

### **Enforcement**

The New York State Department of Labor administers and enforces the PESH Act. The Commissioner of Labor issues safety and health standards. The Department's Division of Safety and Health (DOSH) has Inspectors and Hygienists who inspect workplaces to make sure they are following the PESH Act.

### Inspection

When DOSH staff inspect a workplace, a representative of the employer and a representative approved by the employees must be allowed to help with the inspection. When there is no employee-approved representative, DOSH staff must speak with a fair number of employees about the safety and health conditions in the workplace.

### **Order to Comply**

If the Department believes an employer has violated the PESH Act, we will issue an order to comply notice to the employer. The order will list dates by which each violation must be fixed. If violations are not fixed by those dates, the employer may be fined.

The order to comply must be posted at or near the place of violation, where it can be easily seen. This is to warn employees that a danger may exist.

### Complaint

Any interested person may file a complaint if they believe there are unsafe or unhealthful conditions in a public workplace. This includes:

- An employee
- A representative of an employee
- Groups of employees
- A representative of a group of employees

Make this complaint in writing to the nearest DOSH office or by email to: <a href="mailto:Ask.SHNYPESH@labor.ny.gov">Ask.SHNYPESH@labor.ny.gov</a>. On request, DOSH will not release the names of any employees who file a complaint. The Department of Labor will evaluate each complaint. The Department will notify the person who made the complaint of the results of the investigation.

These complaints may also be made to the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration online at: www.osha.gov.

### **Discrimination**

Employees may not be fired or discriminated against in any way for filing safety and health complaints or otherwise exercising their rights under the Act.

If an employee believes that they have been discriminated against, he or she may file a complaint with the nearest DOSH office. File this complaint within 30 days of the discrimination incident.

### **Voluntary Activity**

The Department of Labor encourages employers and employees to voluntarily:

- · reduce workplace hazards, and
- develop and improve safety and health programs in all workplaces.

The Division of Safety and Health can provide free help with identifying and correcting job site hazards. Employers may request this assistance on a voluntary basis by emailing: Ask.SHNYPESH@labor.ny.gov.

### Additional information may be obtained from the nearest DOSH District Office below:

### **Albany District**

State Office Campus Bldg. 12, Rm. 158 Albany, NY 12240 Tel: (518) 457-5508

### **Binghamton District**

44 Hawley St., Rm. 901 Binghamton, NY 13901 Tel: (607) 721-8211

### **Buffalo District**

65 Court Street Buffalo, NY 14202 Tel: (716) 847-7133

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400 Oak Street Garden City, NY 11550 Tel: (516) 228-3970

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75 Varick St., 7th Floor New York, NY 10013 Tel: (212) 775-3554

### **Rochester District**

109 S. Union St., Rm. 402 Rochester, NY 14607 Tel: (585) 258-8806

### **Syracuse District**

450 South Salina Street Syracuse, NY 13202 Tel: (315) 479-3212

### **Utica District**

207 Genesee Street Utica, NY 13501 Tel: (315) 793-2258

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120 Bloomingdale Road White Plains, NY 10605 Tel: (914) 997-9514

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### Worker Protection Division of Labor Standards

### Permitted Working Hours for Minors Under 18 Years of Age

The following chart is a summary of the permitted working hours provisions of the New York State Labor Law relating to minors less than 18 years of age:

Age of Minor (Boys and Girls)	Industry or Occupation	Maximum Daily Hours	Maximum Weekly Hours	Maximum Days Per Week	Permitted Hours
Minors Attending School					
When School is in Session					
14 and 15	All occupations except farm work, newspaper carrier and street trades	3 hours on school days 8 hours on other days	18 <sup>1</sup>	6	7 AM to 7 PM
16 and 17	All occupations except farm work, newspaper carrier and street trades.	4 hours on days preceding school days (i.e., Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs. <sup>2</sup> 8 hours on Fri., Sat., Sun. and Holidays. <sup>4</sup>	28 <sup>4</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>	6 AM to 10 PM <sup>3</sup>
When School is Not In Session (Vacation)					
14 and 15	All occupations except farm work, newspaper carrier and street trades.	8 hours	40	6	7 AM to 9 PM June 21 to Labor Day
16 and 17	All occupations except farm work, newspaper carrier and street trades	8 hours <sup>4</sup>	48 <sup>4</sup>	64	6 AM to Midnight <sup>4</sup>
Minors Not Attending School 16 and 17	All occupations except farm work, newspaper carrier and street trades	8 hours <sup>4</sup>	48 <sup>4</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>	6 AM to Midnight <sup>4</sup>
Farm Work					
12 and 13	Hand harvest of berries, fruits and vegetables.	4 hours			7 AM to 7 PM June 21 to Labor Day 9 AM to 4 PM Day after Labor Day to June 20
14 to 18	Any farm work				
<b>Newspaper Carriers</b> 11 to 18	Delivers, or sells and delivers newspapers, shopping papers or periodicals to homes or business places.	4 hours on school days 5 hours on other days			5 AM to 7 PM or 30 minutes prior to Sunset, whichever is later
Street Trades 14 to 18	Self-employed work in public places selling newspapers or work as a bootblack	4 hours on school days 5 hours on other day			6 AM to 7 PM

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Students 14 and 15 enrolled in an approved work/study program may work 3 hours on a school day, 23 hours in any one-week when school is in session.

A Schedule of Hours of Work for Minors Under 18 Years of Age Must Be Posted in the Establishment by the Employer.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Students 16 and 17 enrolled in an approved Cooperative Education Program may work up to 6 hours on a day preceding a school d ay other than a Sunday or Holiday when school is in session, as long as the hours are in conjunction with the Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>6 AM to 10 PM or until midnight with written parental and educational authorities consent on day preceding a school day and until midnight on day preceding a non- school day with written parental consent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>This provision does not apply to minors employed in resort hotels or restaurants in resort areas.

### **Additional Child Labor Law Information**

An Employment Certificate (Working Paper) is required for all minors under 18 years of age who are employed.

There are numerous prohibited occupations for minors in New York State. Contact any of the offices listed below for further information.

Civil penalties for violations of Child Labor Laws are:

First Violation - maximum \$1,000\*

Second Violation - maximum \$2,000\*

Third or Subsequent Violation - maximum \$3,000\*

\* If a minor is seriously injured or dies while illegally employed, the penalty is treble the maximum penalty allowable under the law for such violation.

Section 14A of the Workers' Compensation Law provides double compensation and death benefits for minors illegally employed.

Inquiries concerning these laws and other provisions of the New York State Labor Law may be addressed to the Department of Labor, at one of the offices of the Division of Labor Standards listed below:

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Albany District	Binghamton	New York City District	<b>Garden City District</b>
State Office Campus	Sub-District	75 Varick Street	400 Oak Street
Bldg. 12 Room 185A	44 Hawley Street	7th Floor	Suite 101
Albany, NY 12240	Binghamton, NY 13901	New York, NY 10013	Garden City, NY 11530
(518) 457-2730	(607) 721-8014	(212) 775-3880	(516) 794-8195
<b>Buffalo District</b>	Rochester	Syracuse District	White Plains District
65 Court Street	Sub-District	333 East Washington Street	120 Bloomingdale Road
Room 202	276 Waring Road	Room 121	White Plains, NY 10605
Buffalo, NY 14202	Room 104	Syracuse, NY 13202	(914) 997-9521
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· ,	(585) 258-4550		

DOL Website Homepage <a href="http://www.labor.ny.gov">http://www.labor.ny.gov</a>



### REGULATION OF SMOKING IN PUBLIC AND WORK PLACES



Effective July 24, 2003, the amended New York State Clean Indoor Air Act (Public Health Law, Article 13-E) prohibits smoking in virtually all workplaces, including restaurants and bars.

### **SMOKING RESTRICTIONS**

Public Health Law, Article 13-E, Section 1399-o states that smoking shall not be permitted and no person shall smoke in the following indoor areas: 1.Places of Employment; 2. Bars; 3. Food service establishments, except as provided in subdivision six of section thirteen hundred ninety-nine-q of this article; 4. Enclosed indoor areas open to the public containing a swimming pool; 5. Public means of mass transportation, including subways, underground subway stations, and when occupied by passengers, buses, vans, taxicabs and limousines; 6. Ticketing, boarding and waiting areas in public transportation terminals; 7. Youth centers and facilities for detention as defined in sections five hundred twenty-seven-a and five hundred three of the executive law; 8. Any facility that provides child care services as defined in section four hundred ten-p of the social services law, provided that such services provided in a private home are excluded from this subdivision when children enrolled in such day care are not present; 9. Child day care centers as defined in section three hundred ninety of the social services law and child day care centers licensed by the city of New York; 10. Group homes for children as defined in section three hundred seventy-one of the social services law; 11. Public institutions for children as defined in section three hundred seventy-one of the social services law; 12. Residential treatment facilities for children and youth as defined in section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law; 13. All public and private colleges, universities and other educational and vocational institutions; 14. General hospitals and residential health care facilities as defined in article twenty-eight of this chapter, and other health care facilities licensed by the state in which persons reside; provided, however, that the provisions of this subdivision shall not prohibit smoking by patients in separate enclosed rooms or residential health care facilities, adult care facilities established or certified under title two of article

### **POSTING OF SIGNS**

### Public Health Law, Article 13-E, Section 1399-p Posting of Signs

1. "Smoking" or "No Smoking" signs, or the international "No Smoking" symbol, which consists of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a circle with a bar across it, shall be prominently posted and properly maintained where smoking is regulated by this article, by the owner, operator, manager or other person having control of such area.

### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE NOTICE**

### **ATTENTION EMPLOYER:**

The Unemployment Insurance poster for the State of New York is available from the New York State Department of Labor, Registration Subsection. Once you register for Unemployment Insurance and are determined liable, you will receive a poster, "Notice to Employees", that informs your employees that their jobs may be covered for unemployment insurance. The poster must be displayed where it can be easily seen by your employees, at each of your business locations.

Contact the New York State Department of Labor, Registration Subsection at (518) 485-8589 to find out about obtaining this poster, or if you have any questions.

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND DISABILITY NOTICE**

### ATTENTION EMPLOYER:

The Notice of Compliance for Workers' Compensation and the Notice of Compliance For Disability Benefits can only be obtained from your insurance provider. These notices inform employees that their employer is in compliance with the Workers' Compensation Law and of their rights and obligations if they suffer a work related injury or occupational disease. You are required to obtain and post these notices in a location where they can easily be be seen by your employees, at each of your business locations, or you may be liable for fines.

Contact the Workers' Compensation Board at (866) 750-5157 or visit the WCB website at www.wcb.state.ny.us if you have any questions.

### NEW YORK CORRECTION LAW ARTICLE 23-A

### LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Section 750. Definitions.

- 751. Applicability.
- 752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.
- 753. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption.
- 754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment.

### 755. Enforcement.

- §750. **Definitions**. For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (1) "Public agency" means the state or any local subdivision thereof, or any state or local department, agency, board or commission.
- (2) "Private employer" means any person, company, corporation, labor organization or association which employs ten or more persons.
- (3) "Direct relationship" means that the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on his fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the license, opportunity, or job in question.
- (4) "License" means any certificate, license, permit or grant of permission required by the laws of this state, its political subdivisions or instrumentalities as a condition for the lawful practice of any occupation, employment, trade, vocation, business, or profession. Provided, however, that "license" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include any license or permit to own, possess, carry, or fire any explosive, pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.
- (5) "Employment" means any occupation, vocation or employment, or any form of vocational or educational training. Provided, however, that "employment" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.

- §751. Applicability. The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person for a license or employment at any public or private employer, who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction, and to any license or employment held by any person whose conviction of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction preceded such employment or granting of a license, except where a mandatory forfeiture, disability or bar to employment is imposed by law, and has not been removed by an executive pardon, certificate of relief from disabilities or certificate of good conduct. Nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any right an employer may have with respect to an intentional misrepresentation in connection with an application for employment made by a prospective employee or previously made by a current employee.
- §752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited. No application for any license or employment, and no employment or license held by an individual, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied or acted upon adversely by reason of the individual's having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a finding of lack of "good moral character" when such finding is based upon the fact that the individual has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:
- (1) There is a direct relationship between one or more previous criminal offenses and the specific license or employment sought or held by the individual; or
- (2) the issuance or continuation of the license or the gran continuation of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

- §753. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption. 1. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall consider the following factors:
- (a) The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.
- (b) The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought or held by the person.
- (c) The bearing, if any, the criminal offense or offenses for which the person was previously convicted will have on his fitness or ability to perform one or more such duties or responsibilities.
- (d) The time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
- (e) The age of the person at the time of occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
  - (f) The seriousness of the offense or offenses.
- (g) Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to his rehabilitation and good conduct.
- (h) The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific individuals or the general public.
- 2. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall also give consideration to a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct issued to the applicant, which certificate shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to the offense or offenses specified therein.
- §754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment. At the request of any person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses who has been denied a license or employment, a public agency or private employer shall provide, within thirty days of a request, a written statement setting forth the reasons for such denial.
- §755. Enforcement. 1. In relation to actions by public agencies, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by a proceeding brought pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.
- 2. In relation to actions by private employers, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the division of human rights pursuant to the powers and procedures set forth in article fifteen of the executive law, and, concurrently, by the New York city commission on human rights.



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THIS ESTABLISHMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE NEW YORK STATE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (EXECUTIVE LAW, ARTICLE 15)

DISCRIMINATION BASED ON AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MILITARY STATUS, SEX, DISABILITY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM STATUS, OR MARITAL STATUS IS PROHIBITED BY THE NEW YORK STATE HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IN:

### EMPLOYMENT, BY EMPLOYERS OF FOUR OR MORE PEOPLE, EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS

Also prohibited: discrimination in employment on the basis of Sabbath observance or religious practices; prior arrest or conviction record; predisposing genetic characteristics

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities may be required. A reasonable accommodation is an adjustment to a job or work environment that enables a person with a disability to perform the essential functions of a job in a reasonable manner.

### RENTAL, LEASE OR SALE OF HOUSING, LAND AND COMMERCIAL SPACE

- (1) rental of an apartment in an owner-occupied two-family house
- (2) restrictions of all rooms in a housing accommodation to individuals of the same sex
- (3) rental of a room by the occupant of a house or apartment
- (4) sale, rental, or lease of accommodations of housing exclusively to persons 55 years of age or older, and the spouse of such persons

Also prohibited: discrimination in housing on the basis of familial status (e.g. families with children)

Reasonable accommodations and modifications for persons with disabilities may also be required

### ACTIVITIES OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALES PEOPLE

Also prohibited: commercial boycotts and blockbusting

### PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, RESORT OR AMUSEMENT SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, HOSPITALS, CLUBS AND MEDICAL OFFICES

Exception:

Age is not a covered classification relative to public accommodations.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities may also be required.

(Effective January 1st. 2008.)

ADVERTISING AND APPLICATIONS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT, REAL ESTATE, PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AND CREDIT TRANSACTIONS

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: NON-SECTARIAN, TAX EXEMPT, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

### ALL CREDIT TRANSACTIONS INCLUDING FINANCING FOR PURCHASE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF HOUSING

If you wish to file a formal complaint with the Division of Human Rights, you must do so within one year after the discrimination occurred. The Division's services are provided free of charge.

If you wish to file a complaint in State Court, you may do so within three years of the discrimination. You may not file both with the Division and the State Court.

Retaliation for filing a complaint or opposing discriminatory practices is prohibited. You may file a complaint with the Division if you have been retaliated against.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, WRITE OR CALL THE DIVISION'S NEAREST OFFICE. HEADQUARTERS: ONE FORDHAM PLAZA, 4TH FLOOR, BRONX, NY 10458

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También se prohíbe: La discriminación en el empleo basado en la observación del Sabat y otras prácticas religiosas, por previos arrestos o antecedentes criminales, por predisposición genética.

En casos de personas con discapacidades físicas se puede exigir que se le proporcionen ajustes necesarios y razonables. Un ajuste razonable es una modi cación en el lugar o ambiente de trabajo que permita que una persona con discapacidades pueda desempeñar sus funciones de forma razonable.

### ALQUILER, CONTRATO DE ALQUILER, VENTA DE VIVIENDAS, TIERRAS O ESPACIOS COMERCIALES

Excenciones:

- el alquiler de un apartamento en una casa para dos familias en la que reside el propietario
   la restricción de todas las habitaciones de una propiedad residencial para alojamiento de individuos del mismo sexo
- (3) el alquiler de una habitación por el ocupante de una casa o apartamento
- (4) la venta, alquiler, contrato de alquiler en viviendas para alojamiento exclusivo de personas de 55 años o más y sus respectivos esposos o esposas

También está prohibido: la discriminación en viviendas basada en la situación familiar (ejemplo: familias con niños)

También se puede exigir que se hagan ajustes razonables y modificaciones para las personas con discapacidades.

### ACTIVIDADES DE AGENTES Y VENDEDORES DE BIENES RAÍCES

Está prohibido: los boicots comerciales y la práctica de vender o alquilar viviendas a grupos étnicos minoritarios en barrios habitados predominantemente por blancos, con el propósito de depreciar las propiedades y hacer especulaciones. A ésta práctica se le conoce en inglés como blockbusting.

### SITIOS PÚBLICOS, LUGARES PARA VACACIONAR O DE ENTRETENIMIENTO COMO RESTAURANTES, HOTELES, HOSPITALES, CLUBES Y CONSULTORIOS MÉDICOS

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La edad no es una de las categorías protegidas con respecto a los sitios públicos. Ajustes razonables para las personas con discapacidades también pueden ser requeridos. (Efectivo el 1ero de enero del 2008.)

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INSTITUCIONES EDUCATIVAS: QUE NO SEAN RELIGIOSAS, LIBRES DE IMPUESTOS, PÚBLICAS Y PRIVADAS

### TODAS LAS OPERACIONES DE CRÉDITO INCLUYENDO FINANCIAMIENTO DE COMPRA, MANTENIMIENTO O REPARACIONES DE VIVIENDAS

Si desea presentar una querella con la División de Derechos Humanos, debe hacerlo dentro de un plazo de un año después que el acto discriminatorio haya ocurrido. Los servicios que ofrece la División son gratuitos.

Si desea presentar una querella ante la Corte Estatal tiene un plazo de hasta tres años después del incidente discriminatorio para hacerlo. No puede presentar su queja en ambos lugares, la División y la Corte Estatal.

Está prohibido tomar represalias contra una persona porque haya presentado una querella o por oponerse a conductas discriminatorias. Usted puede presentar una querella ante la División si han tomado represalias en su contra.

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN, ESCRIBA O LLAME A SU OFICINA DE LA DIVISIÓN MÁS CERCANA.

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### **Division of Labor Standards**

### **GUIDELINES**

### Notice Requirements for Fringe Benefits and Hours

Section 195.5 of the New York State Labor Law effective December 12, 1981 provides as follows:

"Every employer shall notify his employees in writing or by publicly posting the employer's policy on sick leave, vacation, personal leave, holidays and hours."

To assist employers in complying with this provision, the Division of Labor Standards has issued the following guidelines:

 An employer shall distribute in writing to each employee, the employer's policy on the aboveenumerated items. The employer upon the request of the Department must be able to affirmatively demonstrate that such written notification was provided to employees by means, which may include, but not be limited to, distribution through company newspapers or newsletters or by inclusion in a company payroll.

### OR

An employer shall post and keep posted in each establishment in a conspicuous place where notices to employees are customarily posted, a notice that states where on the employer's premises they may see such information in writing. Such information may be contained in a union contract, employee handbook, personnel manual, or in other written form. Deviations for an employee from such stated policy must be given to said employee in writing.

2. As used in the provision above, "hours" means the hours which constitute a standard workday and workweek for the establishment, and any other regular schedule, such as for part-time employees. Deviations should be given to the affected employee in writing.

For more information, call or write the nearest office of the Division of Labor Standards, of the New York State Department of Labor, listed below:

### Albany District

State Office Campus Bldg. 12 Room 185A Albany, NY 12240 (518) 457-2730

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### **Attention Miscellaneous Industry Employees**

Minimum Wage hourly rates effective 12/31/2017 – 12/30/2018

### **New York City**

Large Employers (11 or more employees)

Minimum Wage \$13.00

Overtime after 40 hours \$19.50

**Tipped workers** 

At least \$9.80 or \$11.05

Overtime after 40 hours \$16.30 or \$17.55 Small Employers (10 or less employees)

Minimum Wage \$12.00

Overtime after 40 hours \$18.00

**Tipped workers** 

At least **\$9.05 or \$10.20** 

Overtime after 40 hours \$15.05 or \$16.20

Long Island and **Westchester County** 

Minimum Wage

Overtime after 40 hours \$16.50

**Tipped workers** 

At least **\$8.30 or \$9.35** 

\$13.80 or \$14.85 Overtime after 40 hours

Remainder of **New York State** 

Minimum Wage \$10.40

Overtime after 40 hours \$15.60

**Tipped workers** 

\$7.85 or \$8.85 At least

Overtime after 40 hours \$13.05 or \$14.05

If you have questions, need more information or want to file a complaint, please visit www.labor.nv.gov/minimumwage or call: 1-888-469-7365.

**Credits and Allowances** that may reduce your pay below the minimum wage rates shown above:

- Tips Your employer may use a limited amount of your tips to reduce your wages. This is called a tip credit. Your employer may take a tip credit only if your tips plus wages add up to at least the minimum wage. They must still pay you at least the tipped wage rates shown above.
- **Meals and lodging** Your employer may claim a limited amount of your wages for meals and lodging that they provide to you, as long as they do not charge you anything else. The rates and requirements are set forth in wage orders and summaries, which are available online.

Extra Pay you may be owed in addition to the minimum wage rates shown above:

- Overtime You must be paid 1½ times your regular rate of pay (no less than amounts shown above) for weekly hours over 40 (or 44 for residential employees).
  - Exceptions: Overtime is not required for salaried professionals, or for executives and administrative staff whose weekly salary is more than 75 times the minimum wage rate.
- Call-in pay If you go to work as scheduled and your employer sends you home early, you may be entitled to extra hours of pay at the minimum wage rate for that day.
- Spread of hours If your workday lasts longer than ten hours, you may be entitled to extra daily pay. The daily rate is equal to one hour of pay at the minimum wage rate.
- Uniform maintenance If you clean your own uniform, you may be entitled to additional weekly pay. The weekly rates are available online.

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### PUBLIC NOTICE BLOOD DONATION LEAVE

Pursuant to Section 202-j of the Labor Law (Chapter 578 of the Laws of 2007), as amended (Chapter 31 of the Laws of 2008), the Commissioner of Labor is authorized to establish guidelines for the implementation of the statutory requirement for the provision of blood donation leave to employees in New York State.

### PUBLIC NOTICE RIGHT TO EXPRESS BREAST MILK

Pursuant to Section 206-c of the Labor Law (Chapter 574 of the Laws of 2007), the Commissioner of Labor is authorized to establish guidelines for the implementation of the statutory requirements protecting the right of nursing mothers to express breast milk at their place of employment.

Guidelines have been adopted by the Department of Labor in accordance with such authority granted to the Commissioner and are effective as of May 7, 2008. Should you have any questions with regard to these guidelines and their implementation, please contact the Division of Labor Standards at 518-457-2730 or the district office nearest you.

### **New York Paid Family Leave (PFL) Posting**

Employers generally **must display or post a notice** concerning PFL.

Your insurance carrier will provide a Notice of Compliance stating you have Paid Family Leave insurance. If you are self-insured, you can get this notice by contacting the Board at Certificates@wcb.ny.gov to obtain the required notice.

Post and maintain this notice in a conspicuous place, like what is required for Worker's Compensation and Disability Insurance coverage.

### Nueva York Paid Family Leave (PFL) Publicación

Los empleadores generalmente deben exhibir o publicar un aviso con respecto a PFL. Su compañía de seguros le proporcionará un Aviso de cumplimiento en el que se le informa que cuenta con un seguro de Permiso Familiar Pagado. Si está autoasegurado, puede obtener este aviso comunicándose con el Consejo a Certificates@wcb.ny.gov para obtener el aviso requerido.

Publique y mantenga este aviso en un lugar visible, como lo que se requiere para la cobertura del Seguro de Indemnización y Compensación del Trabajador.

### YOU HAVE A RIGHTO KNOW!

Your employer must inform you of the health

effects and hazards

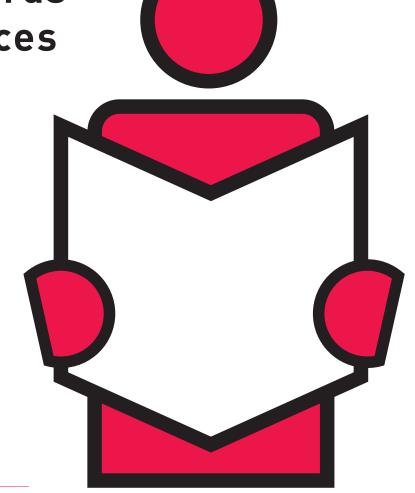
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worksite.

Learn all you can about toxic substances on your job.

For more information, contact:



Name

**Location & Phone Number** 

### **PAY DAY NOTICE**

Regular Pay Days	for Employees of							
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	(Please Give Exact address	of This Worksite Location)						
Physicians:								
Police: 911 or								

PLEASE POST IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION

### EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

### **EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT**

The Employee Polygraph Protection Act prohibits most private employers from using lie detector tests either for pre-employment screening or during the course of employment.

### **PROHIBITIONS**

Employers are generally prohibited from requiring or requesting any employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test, and from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against an employee or prospective employee for refusing to take a test or for exercising other rights under the Act.

### **EXEMPTIONS**

Federal, State and local governments are not affected by the law. Also, the law does not apply to tests given by the Federal Government to certain private individuals engaged in national security-related activities.

The Act permits polygraph (a kind of lie detector) tests to be administered in the private sector, subject to restrictions, to certain prospective employees of security service firms (armored car, alarm, and guard), and of pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and dispensers.

The Act also permits polygraph testing, subject to restrictions, of certain employees of private firms who are reasonably suspected of involvement in a workplace incident (theft, embezzlement, etc.) that resulted in economic loss to the employer.

The law does not preempt any provision of any State or local law or any collective bargaining agreement which is more restrictive with respect to lie detector tests.

### EXAMINEE RIGHTS

Where polygraph tests are permitted, they are subject to numerous strict standards concerning the conduct and length of the test. Examinees have a number of specific rights, including the right to a written notice before testing, the right to refuse or discontinue a test, and the right not to have test results disclosed to unauthorized persons.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

The Secretary of Labor may bring court actions to restrain violations and assess civil penalties against violators. Employees or job applicants may also bring their own court actions.

THE LAW REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO DISPLAY THIS POSTER WHERE EMPLOYEES AND JOB APPLICANTS CAN READILY SEE IT.

**WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION** 

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



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# Equal Employment Opportunity is

# Private Employers, State and Local Governments, Educational Institutions, Employment Agencies and Labor Organizations

Applicants to and employees of most private employers, state and local governments, educational institutions,

employment agencies and labor organizations are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

# RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), or national origin. Religious discrimination includes failing to reasonably accommodate an employee's religious practices where the accommodation does not impose undue hardship.

### ISABILITY

Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, protect qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship.

### AGE

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, protects applicants and employees 40 years of age or older from discrimination based on age in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment.

### SEX (WAGES)

In addition to sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, as amended, prohibits sex discrimination in the payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work, in jobs that require equal skill, effort, and responsibility, under similar working conditions, in the same establishment.

### GENETICS

Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on genetic information in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. GINA also restricts employers' acquisition of genetic information and strictly limits disclosure of genetic information. Genetic information includes information about genetic tests of applicants, employees, or their family members; the manifestation of diseases or disorders in family members (family medical history); and requests for or receipt of genetic services by applicants, employees, or their family members.

### RETALIATION

All of these Federal laws prohibit covered entities from retaliating against a person who files a charge of discrimination, participates in a discrimination proceeding, or otherwise opposes an unlawful employment practice.

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU BELIEVE DISCRIMINATION HAS OCCURRED

There are strict time limits for filing charges of employment discrimination. To preserve the ability of EEOC to act on your behalf and to protect your right to file a private lawsuit, should you ultimately need to, you should contact EEOC promptly when discrimination is suspected:

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), 1-800-669-4000 (toll-free) or 1-800-669-6820 (toll-free TTY number for individuals with hearing impairments). EEOC field office information is available at www.eeoc.gov or in most telephone directories in the U.S. Government or Federal Government section. Additional information about EEOC, including information about charge filling, is available at www.eeoc.gov.

# **Employers Holding Federal Contracts or Subcontracts**

Applicants to and employees of companies with a Federal government contract or subcontract are protected under Federal law from discrimination on the following bases:

# RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN

Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits job discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

### INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals from discrimination on the basis of disability in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment. Disability discrimination includes not making reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, barring undue hardship. Section 503 also requires that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities at all levels of employment, including the executive level.

# DISABLED, RECENTLY SEPARATED, OTHER PROTECTED, AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERANS

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits job discrimination and requires affirmative action to employ and advance in employment disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (within

three years of discharge or release from active duty), other protected veterans (veterans who served during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized), and Armed Forces service medal veterans (veterans who, while on active duty, participated in a U.S. military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded).

### RETALIATION

Retaliation is prohibited against a person who files a complaint of discrimination, participates in an OFCCP proceeding, or otherwise opposes discrimination under these Federal laws.

Any person who believes a contractor has violated its nondiscrimination or affirmative action obligations under the authorities above should contact immediately:

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 1-800-397-6251 (toll-free) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY). OFCCP may also be contacted by e-mail at OFCCP-Public@dol.gov, or by calling an OFCCP regional or district office, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

# **Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance**

## RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX

In addition to the protections of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Employment discrimination is covered by Title VI if the primary objective of the financial assistance is provision of employment, or where employment discrimination causes or may cause discrimination in providing services under such programs. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities which receive Federal financial

### INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity which receives Federal financial assistance. Discrimination is prohibited in all aspects of employment against persons with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in a program of any institution which receives Federal financial assistance, you should immediately contact the Federal agency providing such assistance.

### EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

### LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

Eligible employees who work for a covered employer can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period for the following reasons:

- The birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care;
- To bond with a child (leave must be taken within 1 year of the child's birth or placement);
- To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a qualifying serious health condition;
- For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job;
- For qualifying exigencies related to the foreign deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

An eligible employee who is a covered servicemember's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may also take up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember with a serious injury or illness.

An employee does not need to use leave in one block. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule.

Employees may choose, or an employer may require, use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. If an employee substitutes accrued paid leave for FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

While employees are on FMLA leave, employers must continue health insurance coverage as if the employees were not on leave.

Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to the same job or one nearly identical to it with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions.

An employer may not interfere with an individual's FMLA rights or retaliate against someone for using or trying to use FMLA leave, opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA, or being involved in any proceeding under or related to the FMLA.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

BENEFITS & PROTECTIONS

An employee who works for a covered employer must meet three criteria in order to be eligible for FMLA leave. The employee must:

- Have worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
- Have at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12 months before taking leave;\* and
- Work at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.

\*Special "hours of service" requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

### REQUESTING LEAVE

Generally, employees must give 30-days' advance notice of the need for FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give 30-days' notice, an employee must notify the employer as soon as possible and, generally, follow the employer's usual procedures.

Employees do not have to share a medical diagnosis, but must provide enough information to the employer so it can determine if the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. Sufficient information could include informing an employer that the employee is or will be unable to perform his or her job functions, that a family member cannot perform daily activities, or that hospitalization or continuing medical treatment is necessary. Employees must inform the employer if the need for leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.

Employers can require a certification or periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. If the employer determines that the certification is incomplete, it must provide a written notice indicating what additional information is required.

### EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Once an employer becomes aware that an employee's need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, the employer must notify the employee if he or she is eligible for FMLA leave and, if eligible, must also provide a notice of rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. If the employee is not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for ineligibility.

Employers must notify its employees if leave will be designated as FMLA leave, and if so, how much leave will be designated as FMLA leave.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

Employees may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.



For additional information or to file a complaint:

1-866-4-USWAGE

(1-866-487-9243) TTY: 1-877-889-5627

www.dol.gov/whd

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### EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

### **UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT**

### FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

\$7.25 PER HOUF

**BEGINNING JULY 24, 2009** 

### The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

### **OVERTIME PAY**

At least 1½ times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek.

### **CHILD LABOR**

An employee must be at least 16 years old to work in most non-farm jobs and at least 18 to work in non-farm jobs declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Youths 14 and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs with certain work hours restrictions. Different rules apply in agricultural employment.

### **TIP CREDIT**

Employers of "tipped employees" who meet certain conditions may claim a partial wage credit based on tips received by their employees. Employers must pay tipped employees a cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour if they claim a tip credit against their minimum wage obligation. If an employee's tips combined with the employer's cash wage of at least \$2.13 per hour do not equal the minimum hourly wage, the employer must make up the difference.

### NURSING MOTHERS

The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing mother employee who is subject to the FLSA's overtime requirements in order for the employee to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time such employee has a need to express breast milk. Employers are also required to provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by the employee to express breast milk.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

The Department has authority to recover back wages and an equal amount in liquidated damages in instances of minimum wage, overtime, and other violations. The Department may litigate and/or recommend criminal prosecution. Employers may be assessed civil money penalties for each willful or repeated violation of the minimum wage or overtime pay provisions of the law. Civil money penalties may also be assessed for violations of the FLSA's child labor provisions. Heightened civil money penalties may be assessed for each child labor violation that results in the death or serious injury of any minor employee, and such assessments may be doubled when the violations are determined to be willful or repeated. The law also prohibits retaliating against or discharging workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the FLSA.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Certain occupations and establishments are exempt from the minimum wage, and/or overtime pay provisions.
- Special provisions apply to workers in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- Some state laws provide greater employee protections; employers must comply with both.
- Some employers incorrectly classify workers as "independent contractors" when they are
  actually employees under the FLSA. It is important to know the difference between the two
  because employees (unless exempt) are entitled to the FLSA's minimum wage and overtime
  pay protections and correctly classified independent contractors are not.

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• Certain full-time students, student learners, apprentices, and workers with disabilities may be paid less than the minimum wage under special certificates issued by the Department of Labor.







# Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

# All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a workrelated injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request an OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. OSHA will keep your name confidential. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate (or have your representative

### **Employers must:**

- Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Report to OSHA all work-related fatalities within 8 hours, and all inpatient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.

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participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.

- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

This poster is available free from OSHA.

Contact OSHA. We can help.

 Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

FREE ASSISTANCE to identify and correct hazards is available to small and mediumsized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.



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### YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA

### THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

### REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- ★ you ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service;
- ★ you have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- ★ you return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
- ★ you have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions.

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

### RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

If you:

- ★ are a past or present member of the uniformed service;
- ★ have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- ★ are obligated to serve in the uniformed service;

then an employer may not deny you:

- ★ initial employment;
- ★ reemployment;
- ★ retention in employment;
- \* promotion: or
- ★ any benefit of employment

because of this status.

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION**

- ★ If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.
- ★ Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

- ★ The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.
- ★ For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its website at http://www.dol.gov/vets. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at http://www.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm.
- ★ If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- ★ You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the internet at this address: http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/poster.htm. Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees.





U.S. Department of Labor 1-866-487-2365



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1-800-336-4590

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