



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN THE WORKPLACE

VIRGINIA & FEDERAL
PRINTABLE LABOR LAWS

VIRGINIA PRINTABLE LABOR LAW GUIDE

Thank you for choosing LaborLawCenter™ to meet compliance regulations for you and your remote workers!

- This guide covers:**
- Remote Worker Use
 - Printing the Labor Law Posters
 - Sending Customized Acknowledgment Agreements

How to Use

The mandated state and federal labor law posters that all employees must be informed of are located in this document. State poster names are in red and federal poster names are in blue.

Your remote workers can reference these laws anytime by saving the file to their desktop or printing the individual posters.

How to Print the Individual Notices

Located at the bottom, right-hand corner on each poster is the print icon. The required print size from the regulating agency is listed next to the icon. Click on the icon to open the 'Print' window and proceed.

Look For This Button

PRINT

Official Print Size - 8.5" x 11"
Compliance Ready - Do Not Scale

NOTE: Each notice is formatted according to state or federal regulations, such as font size, posting size, color and layout. To be in compliance when printing the posters, do not scale.

How to Customize and Send the Acknowledgment Agreement

The last page of this document includes a 'Signature Acknowledgment'. A signed acknowledgement agreement is important to keep in employee records to show that each remote worker has been informed of their rights in case of labor disputes or lawsuits.

Before sending to your remote worker, you must complete the "Comments" field with:

- The reply-to email address or addresses that the remote worker should send the signed acknowledgement to
- Additional information your business requires, such as the Employee Identification Number or where to post instructions

Note: Please ensure the document is opened in Adobe Acrobat, not your web browser, in order to complete the Acknowledgement Agreement

Each remote worker must complete the "Employee Name" and "Date Received" fields before sending back.

Fill In Comments

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that I have received and read the contents of the Labor Laws.

Employee Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Signature of Recipient: _____

Comments:

SUBMIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

NOTE: Signed acknowledgments should be stored securely by the administrator. That agreement is the only electronic acknowledgment copy for your records. LaborLawCenter™ does not store or keep on file your records.

MINIMUM WAGE



Virginia Department Of
Labor And Industry Labor
Law Division

**Minimum Wage Increases to
\$9.50 per hour
Effective May 1, 2021**

**Minimum Wage Increases to
\$11.00 per hour
Effective January 1, 2022**

**Minimum Wage Increases to
\$12.00 per hour
Effective January 1, 2023**

Tipped Employees

Tips plus wages must now meet Virginia's minimum wage of \$9.50 per hour.

Beginning May 1, 2021, training wages may be increased

The complete training wage regulation is available on the Virginia Town Hall website, <https://townhall.virginia.gov/>

Training Wages:

- ◆ Applies to employees younger than 20 years of age
- ◆ Is restricted to the first 90 days of employment

Some employees previously exempt may now be covered as eligible employees.

These include:

- ◆ **Domestic Service** - Services related to the care of an individual in a private home or the maintenance of a private home or its premises
 - ◇ May be on a permanent or temporary basis
 - ◇ Includes services such as companions, cooks, waiters, butlers, maids, valets, and chauffeurs
- ◆ **Home care providers**
- ◆ **Babysitters** who work more than 10 hours per week

For More Information, please visit :

- ◆ VA LIS: <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+sum+SB7>
- ◆ VA definitions: <http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title40.1/chapter3/section40.1-28.9/>
- ◆ VA min wages: <http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title40.1/chapter3/section40.1-28.10/>
- ◆ FLSA: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/29/chapter-8>

Questions?

Contact the Labor Law Division

Phone: 804-786-2706

Fax: 804-371-6524

E-mail: laborlaw@doli.virginia.gov

Website:

<https://www.doli.virginia.gov/>

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VIRGINIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITY

Protections from Discrimination – Va. Code § 2.2-3905.1

Effective July 1, 2021, employers with more than five employees for a 20-week period in the current or preceding year must provide reasonable accommodations for otherwise qualified persons with disabilities if necessary to assist such person in performing a particular job, unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer. "Person with a disability" means any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of her major life activities or who has a record of such impairment. Employers also may not, in response to a request for a reasonable accommodation for disability:

- take adverse actions against an employee;
- deny employment or promotions; or
- require an employee to take leave if another reasonable accommodation can be provided.

Reasonable Accommodations

Examples of reasonable accommodations include modifying work policies, permitting the use of leave, reassignment to a vacant position, acquisition or modification of equipment, assistance with manual labor, job restructuring, a modified work schedule, and light duty assignments.

Interactive Process

When an employee requests an accommodation, employers must engage in a timely, good faith interactive process with the employee to determine if the requested accommodation is reasonable and, if not, discuss alternative reasonable accommodations that may be provided.

Complaints

Any person who believes they were discriminated against on this basis may file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Office of Civil Rights
202 North 9th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219
www.ag.virginia.gov
civilrights@oag.state.va.us
P: (804) 225-2292; F: (804) 225-3294



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VIRGINIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PREGNANCY

Protections from Discrimination – Va. Code § 2.2-3909 Effective July 1, 2020, employers with five or more employees for a 20-week period in the current or preceding year must provide reasonable accommodations for pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, including lactation, unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship. Employers also may not, in response to a request for a reasonable accommodation for pregnancy:

- take adverse actions against an employee;
- deny employment or promotions; or
- require an employee to take leave if another reasonable accommodation can be provided.

Reasonable Accommodations Examples of reasonable accommodations include more frequent or longer bathroom breaks, breaks to express breast milk, access to a private location other than a bathroom for the expression of breast milk, acquisition or modification of equipment or access to or modification of employee seating, a temporary transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position, assistance with manual labor, job restructuring, a modified work schedule, light duty assignments, and leave to recover from childbirth.

Interactive Process When an employee requests an accommodation, employers must engage in a timely, good faith interactive process with the employee to determine if the requested accommodation is reasonable and, if not, discuss alternative reasonable accommodations that may be provided.

Complaints Any person who believes they were discriminated against on this basis may file a complaint with the Division of Human Rights or seek relief by filing a civil action in state court.



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NOTICE TO WORKERS

Every day many unemployed workers tell us that unemployment insurance is due them “because they have paid for it.” This is not true in Virginia. There are no deductions from your paycheck for unemployment insurance. Employers’ taxes are deposited in a trust fund from which unemployment insurance benefits are paid. Do not confuse unemployment insurance with Old Age and Survivors Insurance to which both you and your employer contribute.

YOU MAY APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS IF:

- You are totally unemployed, or
- You are working at reduced wages and hours,

IF TOTALLY UNEMPLOYED, ON A TEMPORARY LAYOFF, OR IF WORKING REDUCED HOURS:

The first week you are unemployed, register for work and file a claim for benefits. You can file your claim online at www.vec.virginia.gov or by calling our Customer Contact Center at 1-866-832-2363. If you are totally unemployed you must register for work online at www.vawc.virginia.gov.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU:

- File a claim with the Virginia Employment Commission.
- Have earned sufficient wages from employers who are subject to the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act or any other State within your Base Period.
- Must be unemployed through no fault of your own.
- Must be able and available to work and making an active search for work.
- Continue to report as instructed by the Virginia Employment Commission.

You cannot be paid unemployment benefits until you have filed your claim and have met all of the eligibility requirements. To speed payment of benefits, you should file your claim as soon as you become unemployed or your hours are reduced. If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities under the Virginia Unemployment Compensation Act, visit our website, www.vec.virginia.gov or call our Customer Contact Center at 1-866-832-2363.

THE LAW REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO POST THIS NOTICE IN A PLACE VISIBLE TO ALL WORKERS.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

This notice is available in Spanish. Direct requests to:
Employer Accounts Unit
PO Box 1358 Richmond, VA 23218-1358

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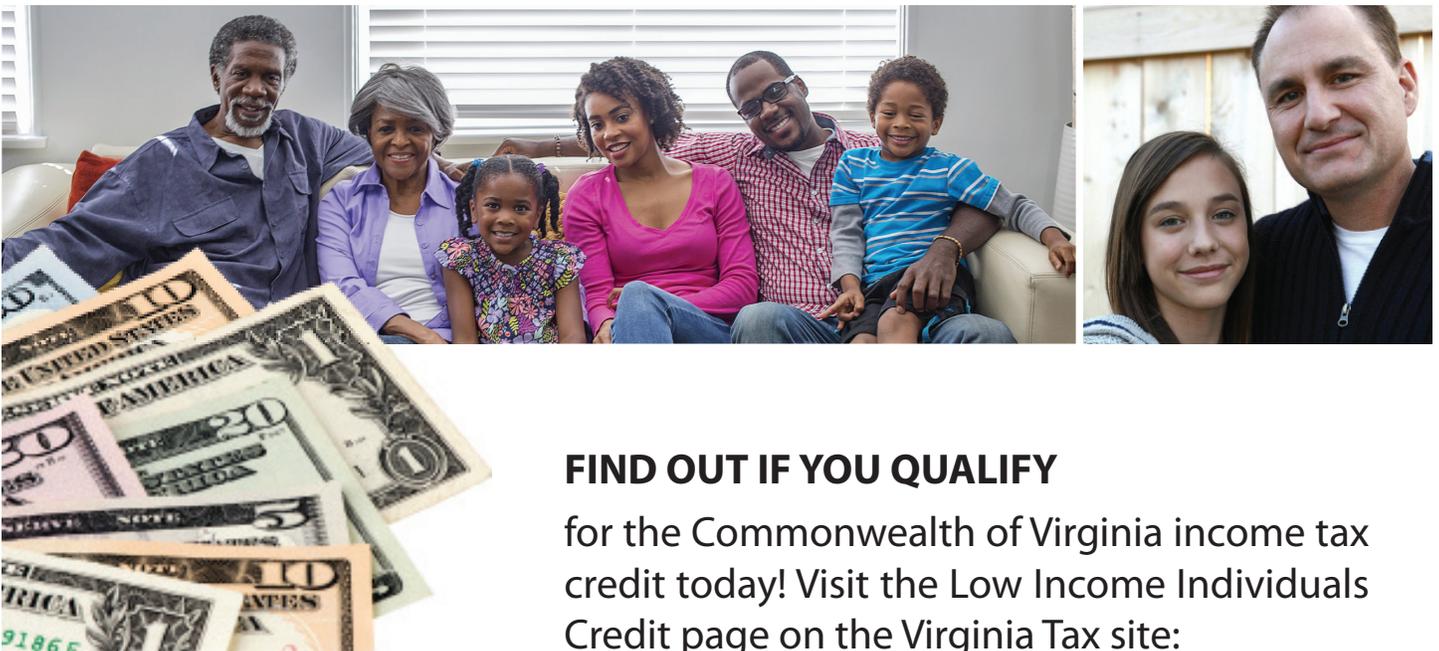
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VIRGINIA EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Did you know Virginia has an income tax credit for low-income, working individuals and families?



Could you be eligible?



Two ways to increase your income:

- ✓ The Federal Earned Income Tax Credit
- ✓ The Virginia Credit for Low Income Individuals

FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY

for the Commonwealth of Virginia income tax credit today! Visit the Low Income Individuals Credit page on the Virginia Tax site:

www.tax.virginia.gov/low-income-individuals-credit

Call the **Virginia Department of Taxation** at: **(804) 367-8031**, PAY-VTAX at: **(804) 339-1307** or visit: **www.tax.virginia.gov**

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTECTION



Job Safety and Health Protection

THE VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (VOSH) LAW, BY AUTHORITY OF TITLE 40.1 OF THE LABOR LAWS OF VIRGINIA, PROVIDES JOB SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTECTION FOR WORKERS. THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW IS TO ASSURE SAFE AND HEALTHFUL WORKING CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE VIRGINIA SAFETY AND HEALTH CODES BOARD PROMULGATES AND ADOPTS JOB SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS, AND EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THESE STANDARDS. THESE STANDARDS MAY BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING WEB ADDRESS: http://www.doli.virginia.gov/doli_regulations/doli_regulations.html. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY OFFICES LISTED BELOW TO RECEIVE PRINTED COPIES OF THE VIRGINIA UNIQUE STANDARDS AND OBTAIN THE NAMES OF PUBLISHERS OF THE FEDERAL IDENTICAL STANDARDS.

Employers

Each employer shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious harm to his employees, and shall comply with occupational safety and health standards issued under the law.

Employees

Each employee shall comply with all occupational safety and health standards, rules, regulations and orders issued under the Law that apply to his own actions and conduct on the job

Inspection

The Law requires that a representative of the employer and a representative authorized by the employees be given an opportunity to accompany the VOSH inspector for the purpose of aiding the inspection.

Where there is no authorized employee representative, the VOSH inspector must consult with a reasonable number of employees concerning safety and health conditions in the workplace.

Citation

If upon inspection VOSH believes an employer has violated the Law, a citation alleging such violations will be issued to the employer. Each citation will specify a time period within which the alleged violation must be corrected.

The VOSH citation must be prominently displayed at or near the place of alleged violation for three days or until the violation is corrected, whichever is later, to warn employees of dangers that may exist there.

Proposed Penalty

The Law provides for mandatory penalties against private sector employers of up to \$13,047 for

Employees or their representatives have the right to file a complaint with the nearest VOSH office requesting an inspection if they believe unsafe or unhealthy conditions exist in their workplace. VOSH will withhold, on request, names of employees filing complaints. Complaints may be made at the Department of Labor and Industry addresses shown below.

Discrimination

It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their right under the law, including raising a safety or health concern with the employer or VOSH, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.

An employee who believes they have been discriminated against for exercising their rights under the Law, may file a complaint with the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry within 60 days of the alleged discrimination.

CASPA

Complaints About State Plan Administration: Any person may complain to the Regional Administrator of OSHA (address below) concerning the Administration of the State Safety and Health Program.

State Coverage

The VOSH program shall apply to all public and private sector businesses in the State except for Federal agencies, businesses under the Atomic Energy Act, railroad rolling stock and tracks, certain Federal enclaves, and businesses covered by the Federal Maritime jurisdiction

Voluntary Activity

Voluntary efforts by the employer to assure its workplace is in compliance with the Law are encouraged. Voluntary Safety and Health Consultation and Training Programs exist to assist employers. These services may be obtained by contacting the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry addresses

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTECTION (Continued)

each serious violation and for optional penalties of up to \$13,047 for each other-than-serious violation. Penalties of up to \$13,047 per day may be proposed for failure to correct violations within the proposed time period. Also, any employer who willfully or repeatedly violates the Law may be assessed penalties of up to \$130,463 for each such violation.

Public Sector employers, all departments, agencies, institutions or other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, are subject to the penalty provisions of 16VAC 25-60-260.

Criminal penalties are also provided for in the Law. Any willful violation resulting in the death of an employee is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than \$70,000 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both. Subsequent conviction of an employer after a first conviction doubles these maximum penalties.

Complaint

Recordkeeping

Employers now have a new system for tracking workplace injuries and illnesses. OSHA's new recordkeeping log (Form 300) is simpler to understand and use. Using a question and answer format, the revised recordkeeping rule provides guidance for recording occupational injuries and illnesses and explains how to classify specific cases. Smaller employers (10 or fewer employees) are exempt from most requirements. To see if your industry is partially exempt, visit the OSHA Website at www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/pub3169text.html.

Accident Reporting

All fatalities must be reported to VOSH within eight (8) hours. All injuries or illnesses that result in an in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye must be reported to VOSH within twenty-four (24) hours. Failure to report may result in significant monetary penalties.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Main Street Centre
600 East Main Street, Suite 207
Richmond, Virginia 23219.
VOICE (804) 371-2327
FAX (804) 371-6524

<http://www.doli.virginia.gov>

**U.S. Department of Labor
OSHA Regional Administrator
The Curtis Center, STE 740 West
170 South Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3309
(215) 861-4900**

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH OFFICE LOCATIONS

Headquarters

Main Street Centre
600 East Main Street, Suite 207,
Richmond, Virginia 23219.
(804) 371-2327

Central Virginia/Richmond

North Run Business Park
1570 East Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23228
(804) 371-3104

Northern Virginia/ Manassas

10515 Battleview Parkway
Manassas, VA 20109
(703) 392-0900

Tidewater/Norfolk

6363 Center Drive
Building 6, Suite 101
Norfolk, VA 23502
(757) 455-0891

Southwest/Roanoke

Brammer Village
3013 Peters Creek Road
Roanoke, VA 24019
(540) 562-3580

Abingdon

The Johnson Center
468 East Main Street, Suite 114,
Abingdon, VA 24210
(276) 676-5465

Lynchburg

3704 Old Forest Road
Suite B
Lynchburg, VA 24501
(434) 385-0806

Verona

P.O. Box 772
201 Lee Highway
Verona, VA 24482
(540) 248-9280



C. Ray Davenport
Commissioner

**VIRGINIA SAFETY AND
HEALTH CODES BOARD**

EMPLOYERS: THIS POSTER MUST BE DISPLAYED IN A PROMINENT PLACE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT TO WHICH YOUR EMPLOYEES NORMALLY REPORT TO WORK.

August, 2019

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION NOTICE

THE EMPLOYEES OF THIS BUSINESS ARE COVERED BY THE VIRGINIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. IN CASE OF INJURY BY ACCIDENT OR NOTICE OF AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE:

THE EMPLOYEE SHOULD:

1. Immediately give notice to the employer, in writing, of the injury or occupational disease and the date of accident or notice of the occupational disease.
2. Promptly give to the employer and to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission notice of any claim for compensation for the period of disability beyond the seventh day after the accident. In case of fatal injuries, notice must be given by one or more dependents of the deceased or by a person in their behalf.
3. In case of failure to reach an agreement with the employer in regard to compensation under the act, file application with the Commission for a hearing within two years of the date of accidental injury or first communication of the diagnosis of an occupational disease.
4. If medical treatment is anticipated for more than two years from the date of the accident and no award has been entered, the employee should file a claim with the Commission within two years from the date of the accident.

NOTE: The employer's report of accident is not the filing of a claim for the employee. The voluntary payment of wages or compensation during disability, or of medical expenses, does not affect the running of the time limitation for filing claims. An award based on a voluntary agreement must be entered or a claim filed within two years; one year in death cases.

THE EMPLOYER SHOULD:

1. At the time of the accident, give the employee the names of at least three physicians from which the employee may select the treating physician.
2. Report the injury to the Commission through your carrier or directly to the Commission.
3. Accurately determine the employee's average weekly wage, including overtime, meals, uniforms, etc.

**Questions may be answered by contacting the Commission.
A booklet explaining the Workers' Compensation Act is available without cost from:**

THE VIRGINIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

333 E. Franklin St
Richmond, Virginia 23219
1-877-664-2566
www.workcomp.virginia.gov

Every employer within the operation of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act
MUST POST THIS NOTICE IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE in his place of business.

Form VWC1

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VIRGINIA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Code of Virginia - Title 2.2, Chapter 39

It is the policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia to:

Safeguard all individuals within the Commonwealth from unlawful discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, veteran status, or disability in employment, places of public accommodation, including educational institutions, in real estate transactions; preserve the public safety, health and general welfare; and further the interests, rights and privileges of individuals within the Commonwealth; and protect citizens of the Commonwealth against unfounded charges of unlawful discrimination.

Unlawful Discriminatory Practice Defined

Conduct that violates any Virginia or federal statute or regulation governing discrimination is an unlawful discriminatory practice under the Virginia Human Rights Act.

Complaints may be filed with:

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Division of Human Rights

202 North 9th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

www.ag.virginia.gov

human_rights@oag.state.va.us

P: (804) 225-2292; F: (804) 225-3294



EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Life's a little easier with

EITC is for people who work for someone else or own or run a business or a farm. To qualify, you must have low to mid income and meet the following rules.

To qualify, you and your spouse (if filing a joint return):

- Must have earned income
- Must have a Social Security number that is valid for employment issued on or before the due date of the return (including extensions)
- Cannot have investment income, such as interest income, over a certain amount
- Generally must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year
- May not file as married filing separately
- May not be a qualifying child of another person
- May not file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (related to foreign earned income)
- Must have a qualifying child or if you do not have a qualifying child, you must:
 - be at least age 25 but under age 65 at the end of the year,
 - live in the United States* for more than half the year, and
 - not qualify as a dependent of another person.

To claim the EITC, you have to file a federal tax return even if you owe no tax and are not required to file. File your tax return as soon as you have all the information you need about how much you earned. However, refunds for returns claiming the EITC can't be issued before mid-February. This delay applies to the entire refund, not just the portion associated with the EITC.

EITC provides a boost to help pay your bills or save for a rainy day.

Just imagine what you could do with EITC.

To qualify, you and your spouse (if filing a joint return):

- Go to www.irs.gov/eitc for free information and to check out the interactive EITC Assistant to see if you qualify for the credit and estimate the amount of your EITC.
- Visit a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site for free tax help and preparation. Go to www.irs.gov/VITA or call 1-800-906-9887 to find a site.
- Use FreeFile at www.irs.gov/FreeFile for free online filing through commercially available tax preparation software.

Errors can delay the EITC part of your refund until corrected. If the IRS audits your return and finds an error in your claim of the EITC, you must pay back the amount of the EITC you received in error plus interest and penalties. You may also have to file Form 8862 for future claims. And, if the IRS finds your incorrect claim was due to reckless or intentional disregard of rules and regulations or fraud, we may ban you from claiming the EITC for 2 years or 10 years, depending on the reason for the error.

** U.S. military personnel on extended active duty outside the United States are considered to live in the United States while on active duty.*

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

El EITC es para las personas que trabajan para alguien más o son dueñas o dirigen un negocio o una granja. Para tener derecho, usted debe tener ingresos bajos a medios y cumplir con las siguientes reglas.

Para calificar, usted y su cónyuge (si presentan una declaración conjunta):

- Tienen que tener ingresos de trabajo
- Tienen que tener un número de Seguro Social válido para el empleo, emitido en la fecha de vencimiento de la declaración (incluidas las prórrogas), o antes
- No pueden tener ingresos de inversión, como ingresos de intereses, que superen cierta cantidad
- Por lo general, tienen que ser ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos o extranjeros residentes todo el año
- No pueden presentar la declaración como “casado que presenta por separado”
- No pueden ser un hijo calificado de otra persona
- No pueden presentar el Formulario 2555 o el Formulario 2555-EZ (relacionado con los ingresos ganados en el extranjero)
- Tienen que tener un hijo calificado o si no tienen un hijo calificado, ustedes tienen que:
 - tener 25 años de edad, pero menos de 65 años de edad al final del año,
 - vivir en los Estados Unidos* durante más de la mitad del año, y
 - no reunir los requisitos como dependientes de otra persona.

Para reclamar el EITC, usted tiene que presentar una declaración del impuesto federal, aún si no adeuda impuestos y no tiene el requisito de presentar una declaración. Presente su declaración de impuestos tan pronto como tenga toda la información que necesita sobre cuánto ganó. No obstante, los reembolsos de las declaraciones en las que se reclama el EITC no se pueden emitir antes de mediados de febrero. Esta demora se aplica al reembolso total, no sólo a la parte asociada al EITC. El EITC proporciona un impulso para ayudar a pagar sus facturas o ahorrar para los tiempos difíciles.

Sólo imagine lo que podría hacer con el EITC.

¿Desea ayuda con el EITC?

- Visite www.irs.gov/eitc para obtener información gratuita y consultar el asistente EITC interactivo para ver si califica para el crédito y estimar la cantidad de su EITC.
- Visite un sitio de Asistencia Voluntaria al Contribuyente con los Impuestos sobre los Ingresos (VITA, por sus siglas en inglés). Visite www.irs.gov/VITA o llame al 1-800-906-9887 para encontrar un sitio.
- Utilice Free File en www.irs.gov/FreeFile para la presentación gratuita en línea a través de software de preparación de impuestos, disponible comercialmente.

Los errores pueden demorar la parte del EITC de su reembolso, hasta que se corrijan. Si el IRS audita su declaración y encuentra un error en su reclamación del EITC, usted tiene que devolver la cantidad del EITC que recibió por error más multas e intereses. Es posible que también tenga que presentar el Formulario 8862 para las futuras reclamaciones. Y si el IRS encuentra que su reclamación incorrecta fue debido a descuido imprudente o intencional de las reglas y regulaciones o fraude, podemos prohibirle reclamar el EITC por 2 años o 10 años, dependiendo de la causa de su error.

** El personal militar de los EE.UU. en servicio activo prolongado fuera de los Estados Unidos se considera que vive en los Estados Unidos mientras está en servicio activo.*

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Department of the Treasury **Internal Revenue Service** www.irs.gov

COVENANTS NOT TO COMPETE NOTICE

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2020 SESSION
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SB480

SENATE BILL NO. 480

Offered January 8, 2020

Prefiled January 7, 2020

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 40.1 a section numbered 40.1-28.7:7, relating to covenants not to compete; low-wage employees; civil penalty.

Patrons--DeSteph and Morrissey

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 40.1 a section numbered 40.1-28.7:7 as follows:

§ 40.1-28.7:7. Covenants not to compete prohibited as to low-wage employees; civil penalty.

A. As used in this section:

"Covenant not to compete" means a covenant or agreement, including a provision of a contract of employment, between an employer and employee that restrains, prohibits, or otherwise restricts an individual's ability, following the termination of the individual's employment, to compete with his former employer. A "covenant not to compete" shall not restrict an employee from providing a service to a customer or client of the employer if the employee does not initiate contact with or solicit the customer or client.

"Low-wage employee" means an employee whose average weekly earnings, calculated by dividing the employee's earnings during the period of 52 weeks immediately preceding the date of termination of employment by 52, or if an employee worked fewer than 52 weeks, by the number of weeks that the employee was actually paid during the 52-week period, are less than the average weekly wage of the Commonwealth as determined pursuant to subsection B of § 65.2-500. "Low-wage employee" includes interns, students, apprentices, or trainees employed, with or without pay, at a trade or occupation in order to gain work or educational experience. "Low-wage employee" also includes an individual who has independently contracted with another person to perform services independent of an employment relationship and who is compensated for such services by such person at an hourly rate that is less than the median hourly wage for the Commonwealth for all occupations as reported, for the preceding year, by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

B. No employer shall enter into, enforce, or threaten to enforce a covenant not to compete with any low-wage employee.

C. Nothing in this section shall serve to limit the creation or application of nondisclosure agreements intended to prohibit the sharing of certain information, including trade secrets and proprietary or confidential information.

D. A low-wage employee may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any former employer or other person who attempts to enforce a covenant not to compete against such employee in violation of this section. An action under this section shall be brought within two years of the latter of (i) the date the covenant not to compete was signed, (ii) the date the low-wage employee learns of the covenant not to compete, (iii) the date the employment relationship is terminated, or (iv) the date the employer takes any step to enforce the covenant not to compete. The court shall have jurisdiction to void any covenant not to compete with a low-wage employee and to order all appropriate relief, including enjoining the conduct of any person or employer, ordering payment of liquidated damages, and awarding lost compensation, damages, and reasonable attorney fees and costs. No employer may discharge, threaten, or otherwise discriminate or retaliate against a low-wage employee for bringing a civil action pursuant to this section.

E. Any employer who violates the provisions of subsection B as determined by the Commissioner shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation. Civil penalties owed under this subsection shall be paid to the Commissioner for deposit in the general fund.

F. Every employer shall post a copy of this section or a summary approved by the Department in the same location where other employee notices required by state or federal law are posted. An employer that fails to post a copy of this section or an approved summary of this section shall be issued by the Department a written warning for the first violation, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250 for a second violation, and shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for a third and each subsequent violation as determined by the Commissioner. Civil penalties owed under this subsection shall be paid to the Commissioner for deposit in the general fund.

The Commissioner shall prescribe procedures for the payment of proposed assessments of penalties that are not contested by employers. Such procedures shall include provisions for an employer to consent to abatement of the alleged violation and to pay a proposed penalty or a negotiated sum in lieu of such penalty without admission of any civil liability arising from such alleged violation.

2. That the provisions of this act shall be applicable to covenants not to compete entered into on or after July 1, 2020.

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FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE \$7.25

PER HOUR
BEGINNING
JULY 24, 2009

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

OVERTIME PAY At least 1 ½ times your 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.
- 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.



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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IS THE LAW

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.

DISABILITY 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 filing, 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, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN Executive Order 11246, as amended, prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, and requires affirmative action to ensure equality of opportunity in all aspects of employment.

PAY SECRECY Executive Order 11246, as amended, protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on inquiring about, disclosing, or discussing their compensation or the compensation of other applicants or employees.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination 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 to the employer. 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.

PROTECTED VETERANS The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. 4212, prohibits employment discrimination against, and requires affirmative action to recruit, employ, and advance in employment, disabled veterans, recently separated veterans (i.e., within three years of discharge or release from active duty), active duty wartime or campaign badge veterans, or Armed Forces service medal veterans.

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.

If you believe that you have experienced discrimination contact OFCCP: 1-800-397-6251 | TTY 1-877-889-5627 | www.dol.gov.

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 assistance.

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.

EEOC 9/02 and OFCCP 8/08 Versions Useable With 11/09 Supplement

Mandatory Supplement to EEOC P/E-1 (Revised 11/09) "EEO is the Law" Poster

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FMLA | FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

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.

BENEFITS & PROTECTIONS 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 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:

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USERRA - UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT



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.

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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



U.S. Department of Justice



Office of Special Counsel



Employer Support Of The Guard
And Reserve 1-800-336-4590

EMPLOYEE POLYGRAPH PROTECTION ACT

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.



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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

It is illegal to discriminate against work authorized individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because the documents have a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

For information, please contact
The Office of Special Counsel for Immigration
Related Unfair Employment Practices Office at
800-255-7688.

WITHHOLDING STATUS

YOU MAY NEED TO CHECK YOUR WITHHOLDING

Since you last filed form W-4 with your employer did you...

- Marry or divorce?
- Gain or lose a dependent?
- Change your name?

Were there major changes to...

- Your non-wage income (interest, dividends, capital gains, etc.)?
- Your family wage income (you or your spouse started or ended a job)?
- Your itemized deductions?
- Your tax credits?

If you can answer “YES”...

To any of these questions or you owed extra tax when you filed your last return, you may need to file a new form W-4. See your employer for a copy of Form W-4 or call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

Now is the time to check your withholding. For more details, get Publication 919, *How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?*, or use the Withholding Calculator at: **www.irs.gov/individuals** on the IRS website.

Employer: Please post or publish this Bulletin Board Poster so that your employees will see it. Please indicate where they can get forms and information on this subject.



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PAYDAY NOTICE

Regular Paydays for Employees of

(Company Name)

Shall be as follows:

Weekly

Bi-Weekly

Monthly

Other _____

By: _____

Title: _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that I have received and read the contents of the Labor Laws.

Employee Name: _____

Date Received: _____

Signature of Recipient: _____

Comments:

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