

THE FAIR WAGES AND HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT

Earned Paid Sick Time

EXEMPTIONS:

The Fair Wages and Healthy Families Act (the "Act") does not apply to any person who is employed by a parent or a sibling; any person who is employed performing babysitting services in the employer's home on a casual basis; or any person employed by the State of Arizona or the United States government.

ENTITLEMENT AND AMOUNT:

Beginning July 1, 2017, employees are entitled to earned paid sick time and accrue a minimum of one hour of earned paid sick time for every 30 hours worked, subject to the following limitations:

- Employees whose employers have less than 15 employees may only accrue or use 24 hours of earned paid sick time per year.
- Employees whose employers have 15 or more employees may only accrue or use 40 hours of earned paid sick time per year.

Employers are permitted to select higher accrual and use limits.

TERMS OF USE:

Earned paid sick time may be used for the following purposes: (1) medical care or mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or (2) a public health emergency; and (3) absence due to domestic violence, sexual violence, abuse, or stalking. Employees may use earned paid sick time for themselves or for family members. *See* Arizona Revised Statutes § 23-373 for more information.

RETALIATION & DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED:

Employers are prohibited from discriminating against or subjecting any person to retaliation for: (1) asserting any claim or right under the Act, including requesting or using earned paid sick time; (2) assisting any person in doing so; or (3) informing any person of their rights under the Act.

ENFORCEMENT:

Each employee has the right to file a complaint with the Industrial Commission's Labor Department alleging that an employer has violated the Act. Certain time limits apply. A civil action may also be filed as provided in the Act. Violations of the Act may result in penalties.

INFORMATION:

For additional information regarding the Act, you may refer to the Industrial Commission's website at www.azica.gov or contact the Industrial Commission's Labor Department: 800 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2022; (602) 542-4515.