













# 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.









# **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 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.

**PUMP AT WORK** 

The FLSA requires employers to provide reasonable break time for a nursing employee to express breast milk for their nursing child for one year after the child's birth each time the employee needs to express breast milk. Employers must 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.





# **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.





# TENNESSEE LAW PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, DISABILITY, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IN RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, HIRING, DISCHARGE, PROMOTION, OR ANY CONDITION, TERM OR PRIVILEGE OF EMPLOYMENT.

If you feel that you have been discriminated against, contact the Tennessee Human Rights Commission.



# LA LEY DE TENNESSEE PROHIBE LA DISCRIMINACIÓN EN EL EMPLEO

ES EN CONTRA DE LA LEY DISCRIMINAR EN CONTRA DE CUALQUIER PERSONA DEBIDO EN BASE A LA RAZA, COLOR, CREDO, RELIGIÓN, SEXO, EDAD, INCAPACIDAD U ORÍGEN EN EL SELECCIÓN, ENTRENAMIENTO, EMPLEO, AL DESPEDIR, PROMOVER O CUALQUIER CONDICIÓN, TÉRMINO O PRIVILEGIO DE EMPLEO.

Si usted cree que ha sido víctima de discriminación, comuníquese con la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Tennessee.

## CONTACT US/PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN:

TENNESSEE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WILLIAM R. SNODGRASS TENNESSEE TOWER
312 ROSA L. PARKS AVENUE
23RD FLOOR
NASHVILLE. TENNESSEE 37243-1102

PHONE: (615) 741-5825 OR 1-800-251-3589 ESPAÑOL: 1-866-856-1252 WWW.TN.GOV/HUMANRIGHTS



## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WAGE REGULATIONS ACT

It is unlawful for any employer to employ, permit or suffer to work any person without first informing the employee of the amount of wages to be paid (T.C.A. §50-2-101). All wages or compensation of employees in private employment shall be due and payable not less frequently than once per month. Notice of regular paydays shall be posted by each employer in at least two conspicuous places.

#### **REGULAR PAYDAY POSTED AS FOLLOWS:**

(T.C.A. §50-2-103).

Each employee must have a 30-minute unpaid rest break or meal period if scheduled to work 6 hours consecutively, except in workplace environments that by the nature of business provide for ample opportunity to rest or take an appropriate break. Such break shall not be scheduled during or before the first hour of scheduled work activity (T.C.A. §50-2-103).

No employer shall discriminate between employees in the same establishment on the basis of sex by paying any employee salary or wage rates less than he pays to any employee of opposite sex for comparable skill, effort, and responsibility, and which are performed under similar working conditions (T.C.A. §50-2-202).

#### CHILD LABOR ACT

Minors 14 and 15 years of age may not be employed (T.C.A. §50-5-104):

- 1. During school hours;
- 2. Between 7:00 pm and 7:00 am;
- 3. More than 3 hours a day on a school day;
- 4. More than 18 hours a week during school weeks;
- 5. More than 8 hours a day on non-school days;
- 6. More than 40 hours a week during non-school weeks.

Minors 16 and 17 years of age may not be employed (T.C.A. §50-5-105):

- 1. During those hours when the minor is required to attend classes;
- 2. Between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am, Sunday through Thursday evenings preceding a school day, except with parental or guardian consent. Then, the minor may work until midnight no more than 3 of the Sunday through Thursday nights.

## BREAK OR MEAL PERIOD (T.C.A. §50-5-115)

A minor must have a 30-minute unpaid break or meal period if scheduled to work 6 hours consecutively. Such break shall not be scheduled during or before the first hour of scheduled work activity.

#### OCCUPATIONS PROHIBITED FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 (T.C.A. §50-5-106)

- In or about plants or establishments manufacturing or storing explosives or articles containing explosive components;
- 2. Motor vehicle driving occupations;
- 3. Coal mine occupations;
- 4. Logging and sawmill operations;
- 5. Operation of power-driven woodworking machines;
- 6. Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiations;
- Operation of elevator and other power-driven hoisting apparatus;
- 8. Operation of power-driven metal forming, punching and shearing machines;
- 9. Mining elements other than coal;
- 10. Slaughtering, meat packing, processing or rendering;
- 11. Operation of power-driven bakery machines;
- 12. Operation of power-driven paper products machines;
- 13. Manufacture of brick, tile and kindred products;
- 14. Operation of circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears;

- 15. Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations;
- 16. Roofing operations;
- 17. Excavation operations;
- 18. In any place of employment where the average monthly gross receipts from the sale of intoxicating beverages exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total gross receipts of the place of employment, or in any place of employment where a minor will be permitted to take orders for or serve intoxicating beverages regardless of the amount of intoxicating beverages sold in the place of employment;
- 19. Occupations involved in youth peddling;
- Posing or modeling alone or with others while engaged in sexual conduct for the purpose of preparing a film, photograph, negative, slide or motion picture;
- Any occupation which the commissioner shall by regulation declare to be hazardous or injurious to the life, health, safety and welfare of minors.

#### **DUTIES OF EMPLOYERS (T.C.A. §50-5-111)**

Employers of minors shall:

- Maintain a separate file record for each minor employed which shall be kept at the minor's place of employment and shall include the following:
  - a. Employment application;
  - b. Copy of minor's birth certificate, driver's license, state issued ID or passport, as evidence of age by statute;
  - c. Accurate daily time record for all minors subject to the provisions of this Act;
  - d. Any records qualifying a minor for exemption under T.C.A. §50-5-107 (8)-(13).
- 2. Allow the department to inspect all premises where minors are or could be employed and the contents of the individual file records; and
- 3. Post in a conspicuous place on the business premises a printed notice of the provisions of the Child Labor Act furnished by the department;
- 4. Furnish the department with records relative to the employment of minors.
- If a minor is 16 or 17 years of age and is home schooled, the file must include documentation from the Director of the LEA, the home school, or church-related school that confirms the minor's enrollment and authorization to work (T.C.A. §50-5-105).

For information on state laws contact the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Labor Standards Unit Toll Free (844) 224-5818 (**REGULATIONS**) www.tn.gov/workforce

The TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to principals of equal opportunity, equal access, and affirmative action. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Callers with hearing impairments may use TTY/TDD 711.



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# You Have a Right to a Safe and Healthful Workplace.

# IT'S THE LAW!

- You have the right to notify your employer or TOSHA about workplace hazards. You may ask TOSHA to keep your name confidential.
- You have the right to request a TOSHA inspection if you believe that there
  are unsafe and unhealthful conditions in your workplace. You or your
  representative may participate in the inspection.
- You can file a complaint with TOSHA within 30 days of discrimination by your employer for making safety and health complaints or for exercising your rights under the TOSHA Act or the Tennessee Hazardous Chemical Right-to-Know Act.
- You have a right to see TOSHA citations issued to your employer. Your employer must post the citations at or near the place of the alleged violation.
- Your employer must correct workplace hazards by the date indicated on the citation and must certify that these hazards have been reduced or eliminated.
- You have rights under the Tennessee Right to Know Law concerning hazardous chemicals in your work area. Your employer must provide training about health effects, protective measures, safe handling procedures, as well as information on interpreting labels and safety data sheets (SDS). You must be provided access to the safety data sheets and the workplace chemical list.
- You have the right to copies of your medical records or records of your exposure to toxic and harmful substances or conditions.
- Your employer must post this notice in your workplace.



The **Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1972**, T.C.A. §§ 50-3-101 et seq., assures safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women throughout the state. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (TOSHA) has the primary responsibility for administering the TOSHA Act. The rights listed here may vary depending on the particular circumstances. To file a complaint, report an emergency or seek TOSHA advice, assistance or information, call 800-249-8510 or your nearest TOSHA office.
• Chattanooga (423) 634-6424 • Jackson (731) 423-5640 • Kingsport (423) 224-2042 • Knoxville (865) 594-6180 • Memphis (901) 543-7259 • Nashville (615) 741-2793. To file a complaint online or obtain information on Federal OSHA and other state programs, visit OSHA's website at www. osha.gov. For additional information on TOSHA visit www. http://tn.gov/workforce/section/tosha.



# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE POSTER FOR EMPLOYEES



Your employer provides insurance to help protect you when you become unemployed through no fault of your own. Tennessee employers pay the full cost of unemployment insurance for their employees. Nothing is deducted from your pay to cover the cost of this insurance nor does any money come from State of Tennessee funds.

To be eligible for benefits you must

- Be separated from employment through no fault of your own.
- Have qualifying wages in the base period.
- Be able and available for work.
- Search for work by making a minimum of three tangible job contacts and documenting during weekly certification process. You may log in to www.Jobs4tn.gov to search for work online.

Failure to make three weekly work searches will result in a loss of benefits unless you are job attached, a member of a hiring union, or attending training approved by the Commissioner.

If you become unemployed you may file for benefits at www.Jobs4tn.gov.

Before beginning the claim filing process, you should have your

- Social Security Number
- Telephone Number
- Address
- Name of county of residence
- Employment data for the last 18 months including employer name and address, and
- Bank routing number and bank account number if you elect to receive benefits by direct deposit; otherwise, you will receive benefits on the Way2Go MasterCard.

#### You must keep your address current with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Go to <a href="https://www.jobs4tn.gov">www.jobs4tn.gov</a> to apply for unemployment benefits, to file a wage protest, to file an appeal of an agency decision, to view/update information, and to view and update your choice of type of unemployment benefit payment.

You may log in to <a href="www.lobs4tn.gov">www.lobs4tn.gov</a> to register and search for work by using services offered by our Tennessee American Job Centers. The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development has staff available to help you find a job or pursue training opportunities.

You may go to the Department's website at <a href="https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/job-search1/find-local-american-job-center.html">www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/job-search1/find-local-american-job-center.html</a> to find the location of the most convenient Tennessee American Job Center.

## Please post in a conspicuous place.

The TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to principles of equal opportunity, equal access, and affirmative action. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Tennessee Relay Service is 711.

# TENNESSEE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

# **POSTING NOTICE**

# How to Report Work-Related Injuries

What should be done if injured at work?

## **Employee**

- Immediately report the injury to the employer representative named below.
- 2. **Select a treating physician** from a panel provided by your employer.
- 3. If you have questions or problems, contact the employer representative or the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

## **Employer**

- Complete your company's internal "Workplace Injury form" and notify your workers' compensation insurance company immediately, even if you have concerns about the validity of the claim.
- 2. **Offer a panel of physicians** to the employee via Form C-42 available on the Bureau's website. *In cases of emergency, call an ambulance and provide this form as soon as the injured employee has stabilized.*

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The Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation is available to help both employees and employers.



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615-532-4812 *TTD: 800-332-2257* 

tn.gov/workerscomp

Workers' Compensation law requires this notice to be posted in a conspicuous place at the work site at all times.