

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act of 2014 to exempt an employer from keeping precise time records for bona fide executive, administrative, and professional, as well as certain other, employees; to require an employer or a temporary staffing firm to provide notice regarding payment to an employee in a second language if the Mayor has made available a translation of the sample notice template in that second language and the employer knows that second language to be the employee's primary language or the employee requests notice in that second language; and to require the Mayor to make available, in any language required for a vital document under the Language Access Act of 2004, a translation of the sample template to be used by an employer or a temporary staffing firm when providing notice to an employee regarding payment; and to amend section 2 of An Act To provide for the payment and collection of wages in the District of Columbia to continue to exempt an employer from paying wages to bona fide executive, administrative, and professional employees at least twice during each calendar month; provided, that the employer pays wages to such employees at least once per month.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Wage Theft Prevention Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2015".

Sec. 2. Section 3 of the Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act of 2014, enacted on September 19, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-426; 61 DCR 10157), is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1)(B) is amended to read as follows:

“(B) Subparagraph (D) is amended to read as follows:

“(D) The precise time worked each day and each workweek by each employee, except for employees who are exempt from the minimum wage and overtime requirements under section 5(a); and”.”

(2) Paragraph (2) is amended as follows:

(A) The new subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “shall furnish to each employee at the time of hiring a written notice, both in English and in the employee's primary language, containing the following information:” and inserting the phrase “shall furnish to each employee at the time of hiring a written notice in English in the form made

available by the Mayor pursuant to subsection (e) of this section. If, pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, the Mayor has made available a translation of the sample template in a second language that is known by the employer to be the employee's primary language or that the employee requests, the employer also shall furnish written notice to the employee in that second language. The notice shall contain the following information:" in its place.

(B) The new subsection (e) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) The Mayor shall make available for employers a sample template of the notice required by subsection (c) of this section within 60 days of the effective date of the Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act of 2014, enacted on September 19, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-426; 61 DCR 10157). The Mayor also shall make available for employers a translation of the sample template in any language required for vital documents pursuant to section 4 of the Language Access Act of 2004, effective June 19, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-167; D.C. Official Code § 2-1933)."

(b) Subsection (d) is amended as follows:

(1) The new section 9a(a)(1) is amended by striking the phrase "containing the information required by section 9(c)" and inserting the phrase "containing the information required by section 9(c) and in the form of the sample template made available by the Mayor pursuant to section 9(e). The notice shall be provided in English and if, pursuant to section 9(e), the Mayor has made available a translation of the sample template in a second language that is known by the employer to be the employee's primary language or that the employee requests, the employer also shall furnish written notice to that employee in that second language." in its place.

(2) The new section 9a(b) is amended to read as follows:

"(b)(1) When a temporary staffing firm assigns an employee to perform work at, or provide services for another organization, the temporary staffing firm shall furnish the employee a written notice in English, in the form of the sample template made available by the Mayor pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, of:

"(A) The specific designated payday for the particular assignment;

"(B) The actual rate of pay for the assignment and the benefits, if any, to be provided;

"(C) The overtime rate of pay the employee will receive or, if applicable, inform the employee that the position is exempt from additional overtime compensation and the basis for the overtime exemption;

"(D) The location and name of the client employer and the temporary staffing firm;

"(E) The anticipated length of the assignment;

"(F) Whether training or safety equipment is required and who is obligated to provide and pay for the equipment;

"(G) The legal entity responsible for workers' compensation, should the employee be injured on the job; and

"(H) Information about how to contact the designated enforcement agency for concerns about safety, wage and hour, or discrimination.

"(2) If, pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the Mayor has made available a translation of the sample template in a second language that is known by the employer to be the

employee's primary language or that the employee requests, the employer also shall furnish written notice to that employee in the second language.”.

(3) The new section 9a(c) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) The Mayor shall make available for temporary staffing firms a sample template of the notice required by subsection (b) of this section within 60 days of the effective date of the Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act of 2014, enacted on September 19, 2014 (D.C. Act 20-426; 61 DCR 10157). The Mayor also shall make available for employers a translation of the sample template in any language required for vital documents pursuant to section 4 of the Language Access Act of 2004, effective June 19, 2004 (D.C. Law 15-167; D.C. Official Code § 2-1933).”.

Sec. 3. Section 2 of An Act To provide for the payment and collection of wages in the District of Columbia, approved August 3, 1956 (70 Stat 976; D.C. Official Code § 32-1302), is amended by striking the phrase “Every employer shall pay all wages earned to his employees at least twice during each calendar month, on regular paydays designated in advance by the employer;” and inserting the phrase “Every employer shall pay all wages earned to his employees on regular paydays designated in advance by the employer and at least twice during each calendar month, except that all bona fide administrative, executive, and professional employees (those employees employed in a bona fide administrative, executive, or professional capacity, as defined in 7 DCMR § 999.1) shall be paid at least once per month;” in its place.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than

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90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia