The legislature hereby finds and declares that the health and welfare of workers and the employment of persons in private enterprises in this state are of concern to the state and the health and welfare of persons required to earn their livings by their own endeavors require certain safeguards as to hours of work, working conditions and compensation therefor.

1. Discharge of employee: Whenever an employer discharges an employee, the wages and compensation earned and unpaid at the time of such discharge shall become due and payable immediately.

2. Quitting employee: Whenever an employee resigns or quits his employment, the wages and compensation earned and unpaid at the time of his resignation or quitting must be paid no later than the day on which he would have regularly been paid or 7 days after he resigns or quits, whichever is earlier.

3. An employer shall not employ an employee for a continuous period of 8 hours without the employee to have a meal period of at least one-half hour. No period of less than 30 minutes interrupts a continuous period of work.

4. Every employer shall authorize and permit covered employees to take rest periods, which, insofar as practicable, shall be in the middle of each work period. The duration of the rest periods shall be based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of 10 minutes for each 4 hours or major fraction thereof. Authorized rest periods shall be counted as hours worked, for which there shall be no deduction from wages.

5. Effective July 1, 2010 each employer shall pay a wage to each employee of not less than $7.25 per hour worked if the employer provides health benefits, or $8.25 per hour if the employer does not provide health benefits. Offering health benefits means making health insurance available to the employee for the employee and the employee’s dependents at a total cost to the employee for premiums of not more than 10 percent of the employee’s gross taxable income from the employer. Tips or gratuities received by employees shall not be credited as being any part of or offset against the minimum wage rates.

6. A part of wages or compensation may, if mutually agreed upon by an employee and employer in the contract of employment, consist of meals. In no case shall the value of the meals consumed by such employee be computed or valued at more than 35 cents for each breakfast actually consumed, 45 cents for each lunch actually consumed, and 70 cents for each dinner actually consumed.

7. An employer shall pay 1 1/2 times an employee’s regular wage rate whenever an employee whose wage rate is 1 1/2 times or more than the minimum rate prescribed pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Nevada: (a) Works more than 40 hours in any scheduled week of work; or (b) Works more than 8 hours in any workday unless by mutual agreement the employee works a scheduled 10 hours per day for 4 calendar days within any scheduled week of work.

An employer shall pay 1 1/2 times an employee’s regular wage rate whenever an employee whose wage rate is 1 1/2 times or more than the minimum rate prescribed pursuant to the Constitution, works more than 40 hours in any scheduled week of work.

The above provisions do not apply to: (a) Employees who are not covered by the minimum wage provisions of the Constitution (b) Outside buyers; (c) Employees in a retail or service enterprise having a gross sales volume of less than $250,000 per year; (m) Any salesman or mechanic primarily engaged in selling or servicing automobiles, trucks or farm equipment; and (n) A mechanic or workman for any hours to which the provisions of subsection 3 or 4 of NRS 338.020 apply.

8. Every employer shall establish and maintain records of wages for the benefit of his employees, showing for each pay period the following information for each employee: (a) Gross wage or salary; (b) Deductions; (c) Net cash wage or salary; (d) Total hours employed in the pay period by noting the number of hours per day; (e) Date of payment.

9. Wages must be paid semimonthly or more often.

10. Every employer shall establish and maintain regular paydays and shall post a notice setting forth those regular paydays in 2 conspicuous places. After an employer establishes regular paydays and the place of payment, the employer shall not change a regular payday or the place of payment unless, not fewer than 7 days before the change is made, the employer provides the employees affected by the change with written notice in a manner that is calculated to provide actual notice of the change to each such employee.

11. It is unlawful for any person to take all or part of any tips or gratuities bestowed upon his employees. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prevent such employees from entering into an agreement to divide such tips or gratuities among themselves.

12. An employer may not require an employee to rebate, refund or return any part of his or her wage, salary or compensation. Also, an employer may not withhold or deduct any portion of such wages unless it is for the benefit of, and authorized by written order of the employee. Further, it is unlawful for any employer who has the legal authority to decrease the wage, salary or compensation of an employee to implement such a decrease unless: (a) Not less than 7 days before the employee performs any work at the decreased wage, salary or compensation, the employer provides the employee with written notice of the decrease; or (b) The employer complies with the requirements relating to the decrease that are imposed on the employer pursuant to the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement or any contract between the employer and the employee.

13. All uniforms or accessories distinctive as to style, color or material shall be furnished, without cost, to employees by their employer. If a uniform or accessory requires a special cleaning process, and cannot be easily laundered by an employee, such employee's employer shall clean such uniform or accessory without cost to such employee.

For additional information or exceptions, contact the Nevada State Labor Commissioner: Carson City 775-684-1890 or Las Vegas 702-486-2650 TOLL FREE: 1-888-992-0960 Ext. 4850 Internet: www.labor.nv.gov

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