TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WAGE REGULATION 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 employments shall be due and payable at least semi-monthly. 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)

1. 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;
7. 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. Any occupation which the commissioner shall by regulation declare to be hazardous or injurious to the life, health, safety and welfare of minors;
20. 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;
21. Occupations involved in youth peddling.

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

Employers of minors shall:

1. Post in a conspicuous place on the business premises a printed notice of the provisions of the Child Labor Act furnished by the department;
2. 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).
3. Allow the department to inspect all premises where minors are or could be employed and the contents of the individual file records; and
4. Furnish the department with records relative to the employment of minors.
5. 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.

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